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## 'Ebola has zero effect on travel to NMI'

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With memories of how SARS gravely affected the islands' tourism industry in 2003 still raw in their minds, the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Inos administration are keeping a close tab on how the Ebola epidemic in Western Africa might affect the CNMI's rebounding visitor arrival numbers.

MVA managing director Perry Tenorio said the Commonwealth tourism agency is doing its due diligence on the Ebola contagion.

"Any potential worldwide epidemic like Ebola is naturally something that the MVA watches extremely carefully since it can easily affect visitor arrivals to the CNMI. Reports from our

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## Gas prices go down 10 cents

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Saipan motorists are now paying less for gas than what they had been paying in the last several months.

Mobil Oil Mariana Islands and Shell Marianas decreased their gas prices late afternoon yesterday. Mobil gas stations started changing their prices at 3pm while Shell followed around 5pm, as confirmed by attendants and displays on signages.

Regular unleaded gasoline at Mobil gas stations and V-Power at Shell on Saipan is now 10 cents lower, from \$4.909 to \$4.809.

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## 'Moving Sea Touch project north not feasible'

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Baldyga Group special projects director Troy Williams said that moving his company's planned \$1.125-million shark and stingray marine park project a few yards north from its proposed loca-

tion at the back of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is not operationally feasible.

Speaking at a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs last night, Williams said the waters off Hyatt Regency Saipan are too shallow to allow the building of temporary holding pens

for the sharks and stingrays.

Relocating Sea Touch Saipan LLC's project a few meters out to sea, meanwhile, will block the deep channel used for vessel traffic.

"It will cripple beach concessions if I moved into that channel," said Williams during the

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MARK RABAGO  
Baldyga Group special projects director Troy Williams, left, listens to Rep. Ramon Tebuteb's (Ind-Saipan) concerns about his company's \$1.125-million shark and stingray marine park project during last night's public hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs.

## Autopsy shows Bjorge died of drowning

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An autopsy concluded that Eric Joseph Bjorge, a 52-year-old economist at Bridge Capital LLC who

was found dead at the Grotto on Sunday, died of drowning.

Department of Public Safety police spokesman Travis Hurst disclosed yesterday that Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola performed

the autopsy on Monday and determined that Bjorge's cause of death was drowning.

Hurst said police learned that Bjorge arrived at Grotto in Marpi on Saturday afternoon to snorkel.

"The victim was alone at the time and therefore the events leading up to his drowning cannot be determined," Hurst said.

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# Local

## 9 schools to compete in Sengebau poetry tilt tonight

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A total of nine schools will be represented in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition this evening at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater in Garapan.

Schools that will be present-

ing this year is Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Junior High School, Dandan Middle School, Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior/Senior High School, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja, Marianas High School, Mount Carmel School, Saipan Seventh-Day Adventist School, San Antonio Middle School, and Tinian Ju-

nior-Senior High School.

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council earlier invited all public and private junior high and high schools from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to participate.

The competition will have two divisions: junior and senior.

The junior division includes junior high and middle school

participants who must recite a poem from Sengebau's book, *Microrchild*. The poem must be from the Cultural Identity, Politics, or Images sections; and students are asked to give a one- to three-minute introduction explaining why they chose that specific poem.

Under the senior division, high school contestants must

submit original poems of any form that does not exceed 250 words. Poems must address themes relating to culture, identity, and/or change in the NMI.

A panel of judges will score submitted poems for content prior to the event.

First place in each division will have their names and school names inscribed on perpetual trophies that will be housed at the winning schools until the following year's competition.

Cash prizes will also be awarded. First place will get

\$250; second place, \$150; and third place, \$100.

Last year, Marianas High School freshmen Olivia Hirsh and Liza Atalig and Eskeulan San Francisco de Borja's Tyra Reese Calvo took home the first place cash prizes and perpetual trophies.

This competition supports the work of young Micronesian poets and honors the legacy of Micronesia's foremost poet, Sengebau.

For more information, call the Humanities Council office at 235-4785.

## Of 59 domestic violence cases, 14 involve children

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

Based on national statistics, one in four women and one out of seven men experience domestic violence. But one wonders how many children are actually involved in these cases?

Here in the CNMI, about 59 domestic violence cases were reported from January to October this year, according to the Office

of the Attorney General, and of that number, 14 involve children.

Back in 2012, the OAG reported about 74 domestic violence cases with eight children involved. Last year, the OAG reported a whopping 134 domestic violence cases with 19 children involved.

According to Superior Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo, the Family Court, which he handles, had 250 cases involv-

ing domestic violence.

"I would like to report that in 2014 domestic violence has stopped but it hasn't. I know in the U.S. there are over 50 percent of children who don't have their natural mothers or fathers. Here in the CNMI, we don't see a lot of this. This year's slogan for Domestic Violence Awareness Month is 'Rise for Peace, Be That Change.' People here are the change and I believe it's because

there are many resources here that victims can reach out to and be helped with," Govendo told *Saipan Tribune* during the "Day of Unity" event on Saturday.

Bridge of Light awardee Lauri Ogumoro announced during the DVAM proclamation signing earlier this month that Guma Esparanza receives a lot of women at the shelter and some of them have children.

Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence executive director Maisie Tenorio said it's not that domestic violence occurs, it's why the person causes domestic violence and what tempts them.

"We may feel that it is not our 'business' or that violence or abuse is a 'family matter' but victims can come to us and we may not know how to offer assistance on what they go through but we can help," Tenorio said.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

## Hofschneider moves for creation of Tinian's second water reservoir

The residents of Tinian will soon find relief once the construction of the Tinian 0.5MG reservoir is completed.

After several years of stalling due to funding issues, a call for requests for proposals will be issued for the Tinian 0.5MG reservoir project's construction phase. The reservoir was initially funded by Public Law 13-48, but was later reprogrammed under Public Law 15-111, essentially delaying the project.

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider commended Pedro Sasamoto, program manager of the Water Task Force, for the completion of the project's design, scope of work, and budget. From local and OMB-CIP funds, a call for proposal requests for the construction phase will be issued at the end

of this month.

"I thank the Water Task Force for issuing the RFPs and the Office of Management and Budget for identifying funds for the 0.5MG reservoir for Tinian. I'm pleased that Tinian is moving forward with this important project as well as the seaport rehabilitation. Our current reservoir is in need of repair and the construction of the new one will provide a backup. Not only that, but considering the planned increases in economic development projects coupled with the military's use of Tinian, both reservoirs will be sufficient to provide for the residents' daily needs and in times of drought."

Capital Improvement Project funding was identified for this project through support from the Office of Insular Affairs. (PR)

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For the most part, I volunteered and invested a great deal of my time in the family business. Although I enjoyed doing this, I aspired for something more. Realizing that I would need assistance to reach my employment goals, I applied for services at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR). After meeting the eligibility criteria, OVR provided me with assistance by way of orthopedic consultation and evaluation, vocational counseling & guidance, and reasonable job accommodations.

These days, you can find me gainfully employed at OVR where I have worked as Case Worker Assistant under our Independent Living Older Blind (ILOB) Program since October of 2013. This is my first government job, and I am very grateful to OVR for providing me with individualized services as well as helping me to realize and maximize my full potential.

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# Woman pleads guilty to stealing Rolex watch, ring

Emerita Quitano Camacho abruptly pleaded guilty yesterday on the second day of her jury trial in Superior Court to stealing a \$15,000 Rolex watch and a \$500 heirloom ring from a then-74-year-old relative with disabilities.

Before the jury trial resumed yesterday morning, the 43-year-old Camacho, who was with her court-appointed counsel, Steven Pixley, cried

as she pleaded guilty to the offense of felony theft.

Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio accepted Camacho's guilty plea and set the sentencing for Jan. 6, 2015.

Kim-Tenorio ordered the Office of Adult Probation to prepare a presentence investigation report.

The judge remanded Camacho into the custody of the Department of Corrections pending

her sentencing.

Assistant attorneys general Heather Barcinas and Chester Hinds represented the government at the trial.

On the first day of trial on Monday, the prosecution called to the stand four witnesses, including the victim, who is now 75 and on a wheelchair.

Police detective Catherine Pangelinan, who is the officer-in-charge of the case, was sup-

posed to continue her testimony yesterday.

Camacho's co-defendant, Frank Tudela Pangelinan, pleaded guilty in September to receiving stolen property. He was slapped with a nine-month prison term, with credit for 86 days of time served.

Camacho reportedly went to

the victim's house in Tanapag last Jan. 15 and 16 and stole her Rolex watch and Hawaiian heirloom ring, which is engraved with the owner's nickname.

On April 10, 2014, police searched the YTT Gold Jewelry Pawnshop in Garapan where an invoice, dated Jan. 16, 2014, was recovered. The invoice

indicated that the gold Rolex watch in question was pawned at the shop that day for \$2,000.

The pawnshop's president told police that Frank Pangelinan returned on Jan. 4, 2014, and gave the shop \$2,000, including the interest. The Rolex watch was released to Frank Pangelinan. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## Only 30 of 121 active Bar members submit evaluation of judges, justice

Only 30 of the 121 active CNMI Bar members who are based in the Commonwealth took part in the evaluation of the performances of CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, and Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Bar Association administrative director Suzanne Steffy

disclosed yesterday that as of Monday—the deadline for turning in the evaluation forms—30 members submitted the forms, which is about 24.79 percent of the Bar's membership.

Steffy said most of those who participated hand-delivered the forms while the rest emailed them to her.

"Thirty is not such a bad

number because you can get a random sampling of the different attorneys' opinions of the judges," Steffy said.

Justice Manglona and Judges Naraja and Govendo are all seeking their third retention on the bench this Nov. 4 election.

Steffy sent the forms to active Bar members on Sept. 24. Of the 187 active members, 121 are in the CNMI. Including inactive members, the association has 310 members.

Steffy said the 30 members who turned in the forms are all active and are here in the CNMI.

The evaluations forms are confidential but a Bar member said a lot of attorneys don't participate in the evaluation for fear that judges may find out later how the particular lawyers rated their performances.

Steffy said she, former Bar president Sean Frink, and Bar Association secretary Jeanne H. Rayphand will tabulate the 30 forms today, Wednesday.

The Bar will announce the results at their general membership meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan on Thursday. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## Achugao watershed pollution comes from multiple sources

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified out-houses, illegal dumping, piggeries, urban runoff, and livestock grazing as potential pollution sources in the Achugao watershed.

As for the pollutants most affecting the watershed, Kaitlin Mattos, watershed coordinator at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, said they do not entirely have the information yet. One reason is because some indicators of pollution can have multiple sources.

Mattos said BECQ analyzes the water for nutrients, turbidity, bacteria, and other parameters. They do beach sampling weekly, and stormwater sampling whenever there is enough rain to cause a flow into streambeds, she said.

Nutrients like nitrogen or phosphorus are known to come from human and animal waste, fertilizers, food waste, and factories.

Turbidity—the cloudiness of the water—is an indicator of erosion, dirt, algae and other particles in the water, and bacteria are an indicator of human or animal waste, Mattos said.

For example, if a lot of bacteria is found in a certain stream sample, this could be due to pig waste being discharged into the stream, illegal dumping of used baby diapers, a leaking septic or sewage pipe, an outhouse, a restaurant disposing its food waste, or a combination of these things, she said.

"Our tests won't tell us the source, only that the water is impaired and may be dangerous

to human health," Mattos said. From these tests, BECQ walks the streambeds and visit the communities in the area.

"We might check out the area around that stream site and find that there are no restaurants or

### » BECQ works with families to prevent pollution

houses, but there are several farms with cows tied up near the stream," she said as an example.

Without expensive tests and waiting for months to get results from off island, most people would probably guess correctly that the cows are contributing to the bacteria count in that stream, she said.

"You can assume that if we remove the cows or push them farther back from the water flow, then the water will be cleaner. This is a much more efficient and lower cost way to identify and prevent pollution," Mattos said.

This is what BECQ is doing now.

Project coordinators Kathy Yuknavage and Clarissa Bearden are visiting houses and stream sites in the Achugao area and looking for possible sources of pollution, and from there helping families find ways to clean them up, according to Mattos.

This is done by helping families create cleaner ways to deal with their pig's waste, helping them seal off their water pipes so they do not discharge into the stream, or helping them move animals back off of the streams in the area, for example, Mattos said.

"If we still see pollutants showing up in our water samples, we know to keep looking for more sources and more ways to fix them," she said.

## Agricultural grant proposals sought

The Administrative Council of the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, or SARE, Program has announced a call for proposals for Farmer/Rancher Research and Education Grants and Professional + Producer Research & Education Grants for 2015.

The goal of these grants is to achieve results that can be communicated to producers and professionals and can improve income, the environment, communities, and quality of the life for all citizens.

The involvement of farmers, ranchers, and producers is essential for these grants. The U.S. Congress mandates that the SARE grant program depart from "business as usual." To that end, the Administrative Council requires that agricultural producers (farmers/ranchers) be involved from start to finish in the planning, design, implementation, and educational outreach of any SARE-funded research and education project. Token representation is unacceptable.

The Northern Mariana Is-

lands coordinator of the Western SARE program will be hosting an information session about these Western SARE competitive grants for those who are interested. The session will be

held at the Northern Marianas College at 10am on Oct. 24, 2014, in Room G1.

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# NMI govt needs to commit to college reconstruction with more CIP funds

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The Northern Marianas College needs more executive commitment in the form of CIP funds to complete a multi-million dollar reconstruction laid out in recent years for the school's campus, according to regent William Torres, who chairs the fiscal and finance committee on facilities.

Torres cited Rep. Ramon Tebuteb's letter to the Office of the Governor's Capital Improvement Project office, asking it to reserve up to \$3 million a year in CIP funds for NMC.

He said \$3 million would be "significant" for the college's projects.

"If the government commits \$3 million on CIP [funds] to NMC the next 15-20 years, then that should come close to doing the first phase of the BECA plan," he said.

Beca International designed

the architectural plans for the college's reconstruction in past years.

The college adopted a master plan developed by Beca in November 2011, according to board meeting minutes from that time.

According to former regent Andrew Orsini, the project would be built in phases and cost around \$34 million to \$37 million.

Over a \$1 million were spent by NMC for Beca's four designs, according to both Torres and Orsini.

An estimated \$27.54 million is needed for the first stage of the Beca-designed project, according to board minutes.

Torres said if the Executive Branch can commit around \$3 million a year in CIP money, NMC can leverage that amount and move forward with necessary improvements to the college.

In 2012, an ad-hoc committee was established to lead the facilities master plan project. Also in 2012, the board declared As Terlaje as the permanent location for NMC for the next 15 years.

Orsini, who was involved with facilities planning at that time, said it seems there has been "really no improvement" on that front since 2012.

"It's a matter of procuring funds, start moving," he said.

He said a good amount of money has been spent on the designs and he hopes the college moves forward with this "worthwhile, long-term investment."

He warned against how the

appraised value of materials, and minimum wage changing over the years may have caused initial costs to go up.

While there has been no major construction on campus since then, Torres said there have been renovations procured using Office of Insular Affairs money.

NMC's building K's renovation, completed this year, was one.

While Torres pointed to a greater commitment from the government, he said NMC is not just relying on government help.

Recently, the college issued request-for-proposals to build a student center and student hous-

changes were still being forwarded and confirmed through Guam and service stations on Saipan.

As of yesterday, Tinian Mobil now costs \$5.169, a drop from \$5.269.

## GAS

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A supervisor at Mobil gas station on Beach Road, Garapan, confirmed that gas prices have already dropped twice.

"Gas prices dropped on Oct. 11 and also today," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Shell gas station in Supe confirmed that they started changing their prices at 4:30pm, while Shell in Puerto Rico still hadn't changed after 5pm.

According to Shell manager Ronald Benavente, gas price

According to Benavente, the main reason for this is that crude oil prices worldwide are going down.

An Associated Press story last week reported that U.S. motorists are paying 12 cents on average less than they were three weeks ago due to the price decreases in crude oil and ethanol.

ing building. Torres described these plans as private-public partnerships.

Essentially private companies would build on NMC land without charge of rent; in return they would finance, construct, and maintain these buildings.

He said NMC has two assets working for them: land and customers in the form of students.

The 2011 NMC program re-

view data showed a jump of Tinian high school graduates attending NMC in years past.

NMC has all the plans in place, but the college needs more commitment from the government, Torres said.

He pointed to a tourism and business hospitality center building whose plans were completed in 1998 as one project that has not been constructed yet.

## MOVING

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public hearing on the proposed submerged lands lease agreement between the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and Sea Touch.

The House of Representatives already approved the land lease last Oct. 4, when it passed House Bill 18-198, House Substitute 1, authored by Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

The submerged land lease deal passed on a 16-3 vote with one of the dissenting votes coming from Rep. Ramon Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), who reiterated his position last night at the Senate chamber.

"I'm not necessarily opposed to the project but only the location," he said, adding that the waters off Fiesta Resort are traditional fishing grounds.

Tebuteb said Williams and Sea Touch should instead consider the area north of the hotel.

"We need to respect traditional fishing practices and please consider the saying, 'Give a person fish he won't get hungry for a day, but teach him to fish and he won't be hungry in his lifetime.'"

Former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente also testified but identified himself as a simple fisherman who has "fished in areas including the area in question."

"Issue of the site was discussed and fishing availability was discussed [during the last House hearing]. Troy Williams is also one of our best fishermen and used to represent the CNMI in fishing competitions. Based on studies that were done by biologists, if members still have concerns with the area, Williams answered all those questions."

He added that experts from the Division of Environmental Quality, Coastal Resources Management, and Division of Fish and Wildlife already attested that the proposed site is the best area for this kind of activity.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio also gave his testimony and said Sea Touch's project will add another amenity for tourists and enhance the CNMI as a destination.

He said travel agencies like HIS Tours are usually averse to taking risks but for a company

to already advertise Sea Touch's yet-to-be approved project on their brochures speaks volumes of how confident they are in selling this product not only to the Japan market but to Chinese tourists as well.

Jose P. Limes, executive assistant for Office Carolinian Affairs, said he supports the project, but hopes the Tipiyeew Village will get some support and ancillary business from Sea Touch.

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes said he's been fisherman all his life but doesn't remember ever fishing in that area. He agreed with Williams that moving the project further north is a deal-breaker because the waters off Hyatt are "shallow with knee- or hip-deep water."

Williams said he too used to be a subsistence fisherman and he knows very well that the waters off Fiesta Resort are devoid of fish.

"I also sold what I caught from spearfishing for 2 1/2 half years after losing my leg and there is no fish there."

Asked whether the project is safe, Williams said Sea Touch is actually a franchise and also operates in Mexico and Jamaica that handles more than a million tourists per year with no incident reported so far.

The Baldyga Group executive also said on top of the \$12,000 a year it will pay the DLNR for the submerged land lease, Sea Touch will also employ from 10 to 12 local staff.

"We want to train local kids who probably want to have a career in marine biology and work for Fish and Wildlife. We will have them working with animals and that kind of opportunity is not offered in this part of the region."

He also assured the community that Sea Touch would be a responsible business entity that will be sensitive to the needs of the community, especially the local fishermen.

"People who love the ocean always help each other out. The facility is available for research and to nurture injured marine life."

Chair Francisco M. Borja (Ind-Tinian) said his committee will seriously look into the concerns and review all the testimonies before presenting a report to the whole Senate for either approval or disapproval of Sea Touch's submerged land lease agreement with DLNR.

## AUTOPSY

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Police officers and fire medics were dispatched to Grotto after receiving a call about an unconscious and not breathing male individual on Sunday at 9:24am.

Hurst said local divers spotted the victim in the water by the entrance to Cave No. 3 at the Grotto and brought him ashore.

Medics then transported the victim to the Commonwealth Health Center, where he was pronounced dead.

According to a G4S security guard assigned at Grotto, the victim arrived alone aboard a silver Toyota RAV 4 on Saturday at 2:55pm.

When the guard left at 5pm at the end of his shift, a few people were still at Grotto as there were at least five vehicles, including the victim's, in the parking lot.

## EBOLA

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airline and travel trade partners in Japan, China, Taiwan, Korean, and Russia indicate that it is already having an impact on travel from key Asian markets to West African nations, but that it is having zero effect on travel to Asia, the United States, or the CNMI. The MVA continues to monitor the situation on a daily basis together with our airline and travel trade partners throughout Asia," he said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

In any event Ebola reaches Commonwealth shores, Tenorio said MVA's role is to support the Inos administration's crisis management plan.

"[These] include communicating on a constant ongoing basis with media, online channels, airline, and travel trade partners both in the CNMI as well as in our five key overseas markets so that lines of communication with potential tourists as well as tourists already in the CNMI are completely open," he added.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos' special adviser for Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Marvin Seman, said Ebola is indeed a global concern that may have ramifications on the islands' tourism industry and the health of its residents.

"Our local HSEM is taking an active role on the preven-

tive planning stages, along with counterparts at the White House. Our HSEM is seeking the federal government's support on the possibility of expanding screening measures at international and national airports/seaports of departure with direct air/sea service to the CNMI (i.e. Japan, Korea, China, etc)," he said in an email forwarded by acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider's acting press secretary, Ivan Blanco.

President Barack Obama has already approved heightened screening measures at five U.S. airports: John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York; Washington Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C.; Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, NJ; Chicago O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, IL; and Jackson Atlanta International Airport in Atlanta, GA.

A 2003 report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office said the tourism industry in the CNMI slowed as a result of the SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, outbreak in Asia. It affected source markets like China and to a lesser extent Japan and Korea.

While his office advises against news that may cause panic, Seman said that HSEM remains vigilant on this concern.

"Along with our public health officials and local partners, we

are working diligently to ensure that the CNMI is at the forefront of preparedness. This is a sensitive and of great concern for us all but we must remain vigilant and when in doubt we should follow up with proper medical evaluation."

In his e-newsletter sent to media last Friday, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan said he has instructed his staff in Washington, D.C. to be present at briefings to ensure that federal preparations to respond to Ebola include the Commonwealth.

"It is very concerning that a disease that has proven so lethal in West Africa has now spread in isolated cases to North America and Europe. ... We also contacted the Commonwealth Department of Public Health and learned that DPH [Division of Public Health] has been in daily contact with the Centers for Disease Control in Hawaii to be prepared."

Sablan said it was also relayed to him that a space at the Commonwealth Health Center is being retrofitted as an isolation area, where a patient infected or showing symptoms could be treated.

"...DPH tells us that this week they conducted a 'dry-run' exercise to practice exactly what will be done if a patient comes in who may be infected.

He added that the White House has also published information, explaining the nature



# SCC: Lieutenant governor bets will not speak at forum

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce clarified that only those running for governor will be part of the Gubernatorial Forum on Oct. 27 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

"The Chamber intends to

have only the governor candidates present on stage at the Oct. 27 forum. Lieutenant governor candidates will not be included. Lieutenant governor candidates are welcome to attend but will not be seated on stage, nor will they be asked to answer any questions or to participate in the forum. Please accept our apologies for any confusion on this issue," the Chamber posted on its Facebook page recently.

Chamber executive director Jill Arenovski said the gubernatorial forum has been sold out as early as last week and that all candidates running for governor have signed on to attend the forum.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and his running mate, Senate President Ralph Torres, will be running under the CNMI Republican Party banner.

The GOP duo will be challenged by former governor Juan N. Babauta and his running mate, former senator Juan Torres; former House speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider and his running mate, former Senate floor leader Ray N. Yumul; and former Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Edward "Tofila" M. Deleon Guerrero and his running mate, former representative Daniel Quitugua.

The Hofschneider-Yumul and Babauta-Torres tandems are running as independents, while Deleon Guerrero and Quitugua are running under the CNMI Democratic Party.

The Chamber also clarified that like the Senatorial Forum, questions for the Gubernatorial Forums are not set.

"The questions come from the general public and are as diverse as our population. If you attended the recent Senatorial Forum, you may have heard the range of questions was from 'what would be the first piece of legislation that you would introduce?' to 'what is the solution to the Cape Air issue and the transportation to/from Rota and Saipan to Guam?' No candidates or staff will have access beforehand to those questions. We assure you that our process is fair and equal to all participants. We welcome the participation of each candidate and are most happy that each will voice their positions and opinions in our public forum."

For those who will be missing out on the Gubernatorial Forum next week, the Chamber said that Flametree TV will videotape the proceedings and

will air it afterward.

Proceeds from the senatorial and gubernatorial forums will benefit the Chamber's Scholarship Fund and the other Chamber programs.

The four-way gubernatorial race on Nov. 4 is expected to be headed for a gubernatorial runoff race if not one of the teams gets at least 50 percent plus 1 of the votes cast during the general elections.

Aside from the Senatorial Forum, the Chamber was supposed to hold a Delegate Forum last week but it got cancelled after both Andrew Salas and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) begged off from attending. The former flew to Boise, Idaho, to look for his then-missing brother, Joe, while the latter didn't want to go to a forum with an empty chair beside him. Salas is running as a Democrat, while Sablan is again running as an independent.

## Atkins Kroll on top of air bag recall

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Hours after Toyota Motors recalled over 200,000 vehicles equipped with potentially defective front passenger air bag inflators, the automaker's local dealership assured owners of affected models of the brand that it's on top of the recall.

"Dealer information is strictly technical. Rest assured our Atkins Kroll Parts and Service staff are in the process of initiating the campaign for our Guam and CNMI Toyota owners," said Atkins Kroll Saipan general manager Doug Brennan in an email to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

A 57-year-old mother of three from Dandan said even before the announcement of the recall, Atkins Kroll already replaced her Toyota Corolla front passenger air bag inflators, which are made by Japan's Takata Corp.

She said she went to Atkins

Kroll to have them check a ticking sound on her car and while trying to fix that problem, the auto dealership took care of the defective air bag inflators.

A 45-year-old mother of two from Finasisu, meanwhile, said the recall for the defective part is something Toyota owners just have to deal with. She said safety is a prime concern for her family and that's why she will immediately bring their Toyota Corolla for the recall fix, probably timing it for the vehicle's quarterly oil change.

According to Auto World News, Toyota Motors yesterday recalled 247,000 cars, trucks and SUVs in the U.S. that are equipped with potentially defective front passenger air bag inflators.

It said the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that the air bags can rupture and spray metal shrapnel.

Auto World News said the latest recall increased to more

than 4.5 million the number of vehicles affected by regional recalls launched in June by several automakers due to the allegedly defective part manufactured by Takata.

Vehicles affected by yesterday's recall includes the Lexus SC coupe, Toyota Corolla small car, Corolla Matrix small car, Sequoia SUV, and Tundra full-size pickup, from model years 2002 through 2005.

According to Auto World News, dealers will be instructed to replace the front passenger airbag inflator with a newly made replacement, free of charge.

Also part of the recall is General Motors' Pontiac Vibe, which was built by Toyota.

NHTSA said affected vehicles are registered or originally sold in areas of South Florida, along the Gulf Coast, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Saipan, and American Samoa.



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## IN CLASS ACTION OVER ALLEGED OVERPAYMENT BY CUC CUSTOMERS IN 2006:

## Motion to dismiss Gaskins' class action suit vs CUC nixed

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman denied yesterday a joint motion filed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the CNMI government that seeks to dismiss a taxpayer and class action lawsuit filed by Carmen Castro Gaskins and others regarding the alleged overpayment by CUC customers for three months in 2006.

Wiseman denied CUC's and the CNMI's motion to dismiss the case and rejected their request for attorney's fees and costs associated with the filing of the motion.

Wiseman specifically denied CUC's motion to dismiss Gaskins' and co-plaintiffs' claims for breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, due process for deprivation of property, and claim for equal protection violation.

Gaskins, Milagros S. Palacios, Saipan Ice and Water Co. Inc., Jacques Kirby, Florence Kirby,

and Saipan Aquaculture filed a complaint in 2009, alleging a taxpayer and class action suit against CUC and the CNMI government. They later amended the complaint twice through their counsel, the O'Connor's law firm.

CUC filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit. CNMI also joined in CUC's motion to dismiss the third amended complaint.

In 2011, Presiding Judge Robert Naraja recused himself from the case and it was reassigned to Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho. Camacho, who also recused himself from the case. That's how the case landed on Wiseman's lap.

On Sept. 12, 2013, the motion was heard and taken under advisement.

The plaintiffs bring the following causes of action against CUC:

■ A taxpayer suit for an illegal expenditure of public funds in breach of fiduciary duty;

■ A breach of contract class action, seeking certification on behalf of a class of all persons residing within the CNMI who

purchased CUC power from July 22, 2006, to Oct. 24, 2006;

■ A class action for deprivation of property without due process of law in violation of the CNMI Constitution;

■ A class action for breach of fiduciary duty.

In its motion to dismiss, CUC, through counsels Deborah Fisher and James S. Sirok, raised eight grounds for dismissal:

■ Plaintiffs lack standing or a claim because none of them were or are customers of CUC;

■ Plaintiffs have no claim because Public Law 17-3 retroactively gave CUC the legal authority to raise rates;

■ The court lacks jurisdiction because plaintiffs failed to first exhaust administrative remedies;

■ The Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over this matter because it is a utility refund case;

■ Plaintiffs have failed to properly plead a taxpayer cause of action because no public funds were spent, there was no misuse and CUC owed no fidu-

ciary duty to plaintiffs as arm's-length customers;

■ This cause of action is barred by the Government Liability Act and common law;

■ Plaintiffs have failed to properly plead a valid common law contract or tort claim;

■ Plaintiffs have failed to plead a valid constitutional claim because plaintiffs were given due process.

In a 24-page decision yesterday, Wiseman said the plaintiffs have certified their class action with at least Gaskins and Saipan Ice and Water Co. Inc. as class representatives, both of which are CUC customers now and at the time of the billing in dispute.

Thus, Wiseman said, evidence on whether the remaining parties named as class representatives were or are customers of CUC is not an issue, and will be determined later.

The judge assumed that despite CUC's allegations, the remaining parties mentioned are or were customers of CUC—whether by actual name or by and through some representa-

tive—and thus are properly named as class representatives.

Wiseman also determined that plaintiffs have alleged enough facts to indicate that the funds spent were in fact public funds.

Wiseman found that plaintiffs have alleged facts indicating the funds collected were used in a way that constitutes an expenditure.

The judge said because the rate hikes in this matter were not legally authorized, the court finds that plaintiffs have alleged adequate facts to support a claim that the monies collected and then expended could not be for a public purpose.

On plaintiffs' claim for breach of fiduciary duty, Wiseman said as the court previously found sufficient facts alleged to support a claim of an expenditure of public funds for a non-public purpose, defendants' motion to dismiss as to this cause of action must be denied regardless of its holding on the alternative theory.

However, Wiseman said, the court does find sufficient facts alleged to support a claim for breach of fiduciary duty, and as such, defendants' claims as to this cause of action are doubly denied.

On claim for breach of contract, Wiseman denied defendants' motion to dismiss because plaintiffs fall into at least one exception to the exhaustion doctrine and likely cannot utilize the voluntary payments doctrine as an alternative legal theory.

On due process claim for deprivation of property, Wiseman said it is clear that plaintiffs have alleged adequate facts—which nearly mirror those pleaded in *Torres vs CUC* case—to support their claim that they also have a legitimate claim of entitlement to their money back.

The judgment in the *Torres* matter gave CUC customers in

that case a legitimate claim of entitlement to a refund.

The Torres case refers to a lawsuit filed by then Rep. Stanley Torres and his then-staff Jack Angello, who both filed a CUC billing dispute. The case reached the CNMI Supreme Court. The high court eventually found that then-governor Benigno R. Fitial lacked the authority to create a new CUC and that the new rate schedules were illegal.

The high court held that Public Laws 15-35 and 15-40 cured the illegalities, but only prospectively, since there were no provisions that the laws applied retroactively.

Public Law 15-35 created and established the Public Utilities Commission as an independent executive regulatory agency.

Public Law 15-40 made certain amendments to Public Law 15-35.

On Government Liability Act issue, Wiseman said without making such a declaration that Public Law 17-3 is unconstitutional at this stage, the court recognizes amply sufficient factual and legal bases to deny the grounds for defendants' motion to dismiss based upon the Government Liability Act and the operation of Public Law 17-3.

Public Law 17-3 that Fitial signed in 2010 adds express language clearly authorizing the CUC executive director to set rates, fees, charges and rents for utility services during the period of transition to the Public Utilities Commission control.

On the claim of equal protection violation, Wiseman said although plaintiffs have not specifically indicated that they are judgment creditors of the CNMI in connection with the Torres and Angello case, the court finds that plaintiffs have alleged sufficient factual bases to suggest that they may be entitled to recovery.



## LABOR DAY GET-TOGETHER

The Committee Ladies and the food servers at the 2014 CNMI Annual Labor Day Tournament are all smiles for the camera for another successful staging of this event.

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## UFO cancels 'Super Man'; tilt is now called 'That's My Boy'

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The United Filipino Organization is cancelling its Pinoy Super Man contest and changing it to "That's My Boy."

According to UFO president Annamae Adaza, they are not going to push with the Super Dad and Super Man contests anymore "because most of them are shy and we are having a hard time to fix all the schedules for the series of rehearsals due to their workloads, so we decided to change the contest itself."

The new contest is open to all young boys ages 6 to 10 years old.

They will be competing in the following categories: pro-

duction number, talent portion, formal wear, and question and answer portion.

Prizes will be \$500 for first place; \$400 for second place; \$300 for third place; \$200 for fourth place; and \$100 for fifth.

Adaza said all participants will receive certificates of participation and other consolation prizes.

"We are looking for at least 16 contestants and hopefully from different schools on Saipan. We are in need of donors and sponsors who wish to help out," Adaza said.

For more information on registering, call Adaza, at 483-5237, UFO secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, event chairwoman Nel Atalig at 233-3854, or event director Ernie Molina at 789-8212.



# Muña: CHCC does not need a governing board

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A Senate bill to transform the public hospital's "advisory" board into a "governing" one that was shelved four months ago is being revived, and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. said it still disagrees with the bill's intent.

Senate Bill 18-52, authored by Sen. Joaquin Borja (Ind-

Tinian), seeks to amend some sections of Public Law 16-51 to strip the governor of the power to appoint the corporation's chief executive officer and give that power to the board.

According to Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), who is vice chair of the Senate Committee on

Health and Welfare, the committee is now reviewing the bill.

Corporation CEO Esther Muña said she wants a board that understands the importance of quality care and that they cannot restrict a budget to such an extent that adequate care could not be provided to patients.

"A governing board should consist of members who actually have experience in health administration and health care finance administration. They must also understand that quality care is for every single person that walks in the doors of [the Commonwealth Health Center], no matter what

race, skin color, religion, or even political affiliation," Muña said.

She said that CHC does not want to go back to the quality of care it had back in 2011 to 2013.

"As leaders, governing or advisory, we must take responsibility for the care of the people and work with the CEO to bring a

higher standard of care and support the employees who work so hard to make health care better for our people," she said.

As it is right now, the advisory board's level of experience is in private sector management while the master's level education in health administration and actual health care management experience is with Muña.

"It makes sense that they remain an advisory [board]," she said.

Muña said that if the Senate is moving forward with Senate Bill 18-52, "I hope they allow CHCC personnel to comment and hold a public hearing."

Reyes clarified with *Saipan Tribune* last week that CHCC board chair Joaquin Torres met with him last month and that Torres asked him if he could push the bill. Reyes declined to comment whether he supports the bill or not.

"I am waiting for the bill to be debated on the floor and why people would support and not support it and reserve comments when the bill is on the floor," he said.

According to Reyes, Torres told him that the hospital is a large corporation and it needs to be accountable for all the actions it does and it is too large to not have a governing board.

Torres was sought for comment but could not be reached as of press time.

## DFS makes its case as good financial partner of CPA

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DFS Saipan made its case as a "good financial partner" to the Commonwealth Ports Authority in its written comments to CPA at last week's public hearing.

On the table is whether CPA should renew its master concession agreement with DFS or put it up for bid.

DFS made its case in its public comments, one of its points being that DFS has always met its financial obligations to CPA. DFS has always paid its rent on time, according to the comments.

CPA's auditor has not cited DFS for any deficiencies or concerns, nor has CPA found good cause to undertake an independent audit of DFS, according to the comments.

DFS also provided evidence of revenue it has paid to CPA in the last three years in the amount of \$7.63 million.

In 2013, DFS paid a total

\$2.98 million in concession fee, advertising, warehouse rent, and miscellaneous revenue.

Some \$2.72 million of this was in concession fee revenue paid; \$234,600 was in warehouse rent; \$23,481.25 in advertising; and \$5,270 under miscellaneous revenue paid.

In 2012, DFS paid \$2.5 million to CPA. In 2011, DFS paid \$2.15 million.

It paid the same amount in rent all three years. Around \$20,000 was paid for advertising in 2011 and 2012.

Under miscellaneous revenue paid, DFS listed \$13,325 for 2012 and \$3,210 for 2011.

DFS also noted partnerships with CPA that called for investments not required by its concession agreement.

One example was in 2002, when CPA asked DFS to give over 1,000 square feet of its shop space to TSA. DFS gave this space without compensation or rent reduction, according to the comments.



DENNIS B. CHAN

DFS Saipan president Marian Aldan-Pierce delivers her testimony at a Commonwealth Ports Authority public hearing last Thursday night.

## 1 Rota beach red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the District 2 storm drain on Rota and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from this site contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Rota's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

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# A Tinian Dynasty success story

A young man with no clear idea of what he wanted to do as a career has developed a passion for baking! His favorite is baking bread—all kinds of bread!

"I love it when I get good compliments...that the pastries I baked were delicious. It's the ultimate compliment that one looks forward to for inspiration and building self-confidence."

Jonathan Atalig graduated from Tinian High School in May 2008 and was eagerly looking forward to a long break. Four months later, he was ready to do something.

However, he was not sure what he wanted to do. A job search with the CNMI government gave him very little options and so he turned his eye to the private sector, the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino in particular. He submitted an application for a security officer with a second choice of kitchen helper. Tinian Dynasty hotel general manager Tom Liu and Executive Chef Gladwin from Malaysia interviewed Atalig and on Dec. 1, 2008, his journey with Tinian Dynasty took its first step. He was offered the position of a kitchen helper and he quickly accepted.

"At first, I was very scared because Chef Gladwin has a very firm voice with a very strong sense of presence. He was strict and would not tolerate too much mistakes. He was more like a strict parent that wanted the best for his child and I really learned a lot from him. He was a good trainer and mentor."

Atalig was under close supervision during his initial training of three months. By the end of his sixth month, Gladwin was comfortable enough to allow Atalig to work on his own, with little supervision.

Another significant mentor

for Jonathan was Peter Capungan who trained him in bread-making, which became Jonathan's passion. Capungan trained Atalig for one year before he was transferred to another restaurant and eventually saw his departure out of the CNMI.

Atalig feels more confident now but is still fearful of making mistakes.

"I am still developing a 'steady hand' that one must have for writing messages on the cakes. My experience has taught me to develop the virtue of patience and that I am learning every day about presentation where the opportunities for creativity are endless."

He also finds working with chocolate fun and offers endless opportunities for growth.

"I found my co-workers to be supportive, fun and easy to get along with. There is a

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Jonathan Atalig has developed a passion for bread-making.

sense of family, a second family with a lot of trust. This is the very core of our success."

Atalig is now a Demi Chef and hopes to go to a trade school with a focus on baking and that "one day I will build my own pastry shop...that's my dream."

Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino wants to make this dream a reality for Atalig and will continue the journey of training, mentoring and providing the supportive environment for him to make that dream come true.

"This is one of the roles of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino in terms of partnership with the community of Tinian and the CNMI—developing the economy that is mutually beneficial," said hotel GM Liu. (PR)



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Jonathan Atalig also finds working with chocolate fun and offers endless opportunities for growth.



Jonathan Atalig, left, and Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino Executive Sous Chef Ramoncito Apostol.



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### FOA postpones membership meeting

The Friends of the Arts board of directors apologizes but had to postpone the membership meeting scheduled yesterday, Oct. 21. It regrets any inconvenience caused to those members or friends who had intended to attend. The meeting will be rescheduled to a date to be announced in November prior to the performances of *I'm not Rappaport*, the first play of the season. (PR)

### Navy, Air Force training in Agat Bay

ASAN, Guam—The Navy and Air Force will conduct parachute operations in Agat Bay Oct. 23 from 9am to noon. The exercise is designed to enhance the training and readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see and hear increased activity associated with the exercise. (PR)

## Flashback

### A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 22, 2006

#### Reprogramming bill to help CUC power plant signed

Acting Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez signed on Thursday a bill that gives the Executive Branch unlimited power to reprogram certain federal funds to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. House Bill 15-157, authored by Vice Speaker Justo S. Quitugua, is now Public Law 15-34. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial last month announced the enactment of H.B. 15-157, which he had described as unnecessary. But documents show that the measure was not signed until Oct. 19, 2006. The new law allows the governor to use unspent federal funds

from infrastructure projects at Saipan's power plant. The reprogramming authority applies to funds from all completed capital improvement projects prior to 2004.

#### SOCC takes three of four in Micro Cup

The men and women of the Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club ruled the home waters of the Saipan Lagoon on opening day as some of the region's top paddling teams pulled water in the 8th Annual Micronesian Cup on Saturday. The men of the SOCC were without equal in the sprint races as captain Richard Sikkell and his crew outstroked the competition in the 500m and 1,500m finals to sweep opening

day for the home team. Sikkell was joined by Sonny Downer, Joe Przyuski, Brian Eckhart, Gil Bimbrich, and Jason Schoeder in the 1,500m race as they completed all five turns and hit the beach in 8:44.03. Flawless turns gave the local boys the advantage and allowed them to pull away from Obubu Palau, who placed second at 8:50.04 and third place Hong Kong Islands Paddling Club at 8:50.93.

October 22, 2009

#### Guard, cashier foil 2 armed men's attempt to rob poker

An alert security guard and a cashier foiled two masked men's attempt to rob a poker arcade along Martinez Road in As Lito early Wednesday morning. Department of Public Safety spokesman Jason T. Tarkong said yesterday that police officers failed to locate the suspects at the scene. Tarkong said the

security guard at the MGM Poker Game Room saw two men dressed in black clothing and wearing black masks outside the establishment. He immediately closed the arcade's main door. The suspects approached the main door and tried to open it. One suspect, armed with a rifle, attempted to open the door by shaking the door handle.

#### Woman in Social Security cards scam pleads guilty

A woman who was arrested for her role in the scam of buying U.S. Social Security account cards issued to garment factory workers on Saipan has entered a guilty plea in federal court. Yingzi Xu, 26, pleaded guilty to one count of buying a Social Security card and possessing an SS card with the intent to sell it. The charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. U.S. District Court for the NMI design-

nated judge David A. Wiseman accepted the plea agreement and set the sentencing for Jan. 26, 2010, at 10am. Wiseman remanded Xu back into the custody of the U.S. Marshal's Office. Under the plea bargain, Xu agreed to pay any restitution required by the court.

October 22, 2011

#### Mayor sues two banks for allegedly refusing to return his \$200K TCD

Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores is suing First Hawaiian Bank and Union Bank of California for allegedly refusing to return the principal and interest earned on a \$200,000 Time Certificate of Deposit that he purchased from the then Union Bank Saipan branch in 1993. Flores, through counsel Juan T. Lizama, is suing the banks in Superior Court for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, negligence or gross negligence, breach of fiduciary

duty, and fraud. He is demanding unspecified damages, attorney's fees and court costs.

#### Fitial expands austerity's coverage

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial removed federally funded agencies and other key offices from the list of those exempted from the 32-hour workweek-a policy that is drawing concern from agencies whose certain personnel used to be exempt from the austerity measures because of the nature of their function. The governor, in an Oct. 13 memo to Executive Branch department and activity heads, exempted from the austerity measure certain personnel only from three agencies: Department of Public Safety, Department of Corrections, and Emergency Management Office. Those specifically exempt are DPS police officers, dispatchers, and firefighters; DOC corrections officers; and EMO communications operators.



# TSL Foundation announces scholarship for NMC students

In its ongoing efforts to promote higher education among CNMI students, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation has announced that it is providing scholarships to ten students of the Northern Marianas College.

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation Scholarship program will provide \$1,000 per scholarship recipient that can be applied for the 2014-2015 school year (spring or summer semesters).

The scholarships will be awarded to five full-time stu-

dents pursuing an associate's degree in Hospitality Management, and five full-time students pursuing other degrees at NMC. In addition to hospitality management, the college offers degrees in business, liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and education.

"We are extremely grateful to the Tan Siu Lin Foundation for their generosity and continued support of the Northern Marianas College," said NMC

president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart. "This scholarship program will help our students accomplish their educational goals and pursue rewarding careers in hospitality management and other industries."

The Tan Holdings' foundation was formed in 2002 and was renamed after the company's founder and chairman, Dr. Tan Siu Lin. Through the years, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation has launched initiatives and built trusted partnerships with a di-

verse array of individuals, families, corporations, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. The main mission of the organization is to better serve the regions in which they operate thus making the communities a better place to live.

"Higher education doesn't only benefit the individual with the degree or experience; our community also benefits from having a greater number of skilled and knowledgeable individuals in our workforce," said

Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan. "This scholarship program aims to provide more students with more opportunities to reach their goals."

The scholarships are based on merit and will be awarded to the recipient on the basis of the candidate's financial need, community involvement, academic background, and letters of recommendation. The essay and interview will also play a key role in the final selection of scholarship recipients.

The deadline for submitting applications for the Tan Siu Lin Foundation Scholarship is Nov. 28, 2014. Applications and additional information will be available for download at [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu), or by contacting the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792. (NMC)

## Calvo, Lucero win school level Sengebau poetry contest

When did you last hear students of Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja recite poetry by heart? Maybe never—until last year when the school won the junior division of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition held on Saipan.

In preparation for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual event, parents and guests gathered at As Paris Restaurant on Oct. 18, 2014, to listen, watch, and enjoy the Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja school level Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Recital, and musical talent and literary performance.

Prior to the recital, five students from the junior high level recited their pick of Sengebau's poetry to a panel of judges.

Last year's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine N. Sengebau's junior division winner Tyra Reese A.



Five Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja students from the junior high level, shown here in their uniforms, took part in the school level Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition. They are joined in this photo by school administrators and education officials.

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Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja students recite poetry by heart during the school level Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Recital and musical talent and literary performance at As Paris Restaurant on Oct. 18, 2014.

Calvo and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Angelo S. Lucero will represent the school in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Competition.

Introduced to the school by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council last year, the competition proved to be even a greater success this year with students scouring poetry anthologies from Sengebau.

The standard of recitals was very high this year, giving the judges a very difficult time. Well done to everyone in the school who took up the challenge and learned their poems and particularly to those in the finals who performed so well in front of us all.

The administration, students, faculty and staff, and board of directors would like to also express their appreciation to Councilman Gardner Barcinas, Gabriel and Angelica Manglona, and George Ayuyu. (ESFDB)



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Last year's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine N. Sengebau's junior division winner Tyra Reese A. Calvo, right, and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Angelo S. Lucero will represent the Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja in the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition.



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-001

### Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1, Songsong Village Rota, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced construction firms for Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1 in Songsong Village, Rota.

Contractor shall provide and pay for all the labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time frame.

A pre-proposal site visit is scheduled for 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 30, 2014 at the Rota power plant. All potential proposers are encouraged to attend, to familiarize themselves with the site conditions. However the site visit is not mandatory for the potential proposers, owing to the difficult logistics and uncertain air transport.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by November 7, 2014, 10:00 AM (ChST) to be considered.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP -15-001, Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST).**

The Proposer is required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page — <https://marianaslabor.net/>.

A **Proposal Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 24, 2104 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cuc.gov](mailto:manny.sablan@cuc.gov) with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address [venugopal.prabhakara@cuc.gov](mailto:venugopal.prabhakara@cuc.gov).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## While other crises grab headlines, Mexico's instability worsens

**A**mid all the recent commotion over Ebola, it might have been easy to miss a shocking story from Mexico: the Sept. 26 mass kidnapping of 43 student teachers in the city of Iguala. Their disappearance and suspected massacre should not fade from Americans' attention, regardless of the health care crisis at our doorstep.

Many politicians in Washington now view the Ebola crisis as a national security concern, along with immigration and fears that Islamic State jihadists could exploit disorder in Mexico to sneak into the United States. As American xenophobia rises, the U.S.-Mexico border becomes, again, a focal point of concern.

Mexico must not feed the fear mongering by furthering its reputation for lawlessness. President Enrique Peña Nieto should step up and demonstrate clearly that his government forces maintain sovereign control over all Mexican territory. Mexicans, and the world, should expect nothing less.

Unfortunately, criminal gangs and drug cartels have made Swiss cheese of that notion. The mass kidnapping in Iguala, about 120 miles south of Mexico City, exposes how drug gangs are imposing their will — not just at the violence-plagued border but deep within the Mexican heartland. The student teachers, all young men, had been involved in a protest over national education reforms. The fact that the student teachers were defending a corrupt status quo, and had commandeered buses as part of their protest, was no justification for what befell them.

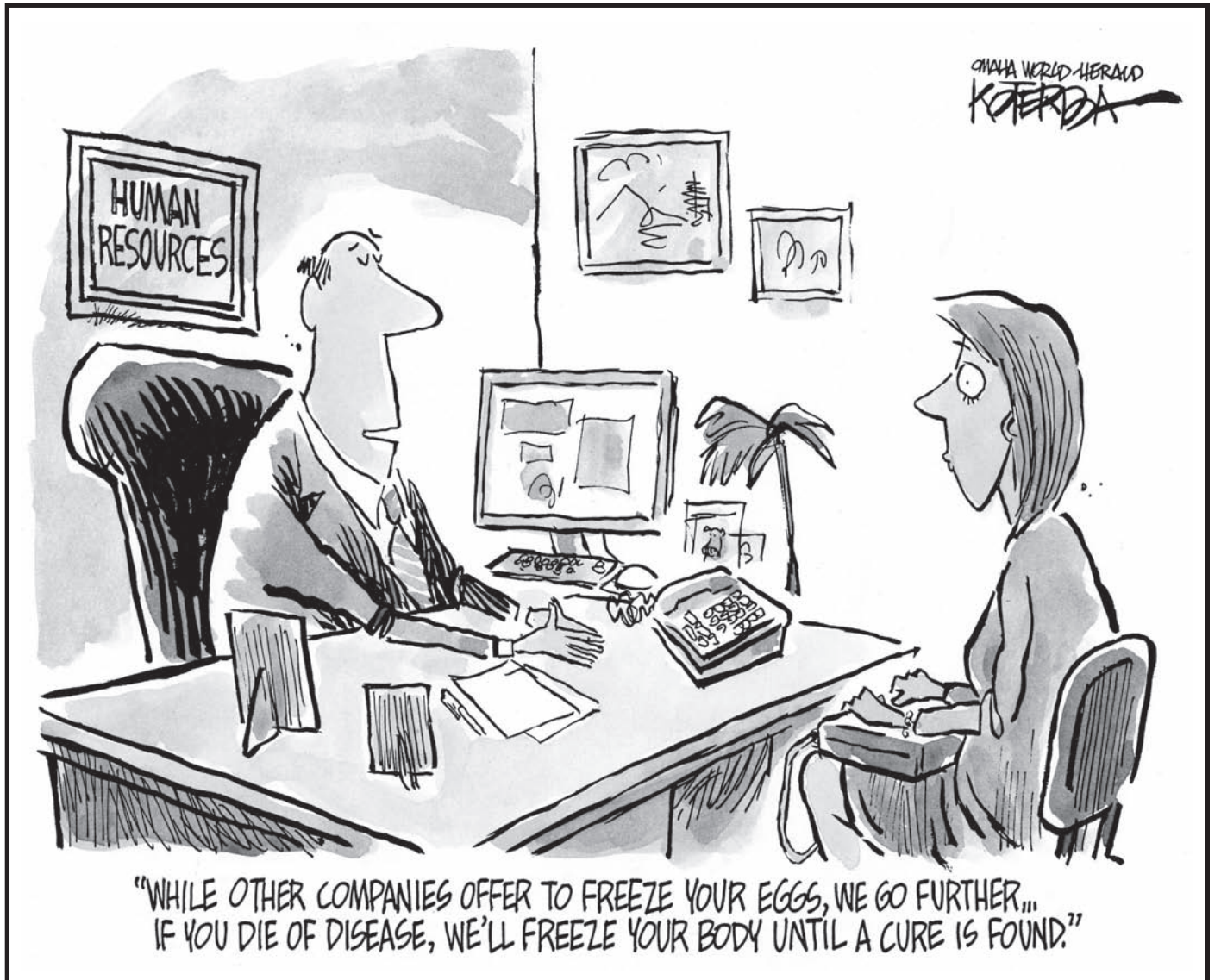
Police believed to be under the control of a big drug cartel in Guerrero state opened fire to halt the protesters and then drove survivors away in the darkness. Authorities searching for them uncovered mass graves outside Iguala containing the remains of more than 28 people, but they appear unrelated to the kidnappings.

The mayor of Iguala, a city of about 150,000, has gone into hiding. His wife's three brothers have been among Mexico's most-wanted drug lords, linked to the notorious Beltran Leyva cartel. The gang's leader, Hector Beltran Leyva, was captured Oct. 1.

Iguala's story is a snapshot of what is occurring in other Mexican towns and cities — anywhere cartels can spread their tentacles into tourism, shipping, petroleum and international commerce. Human trafficking and kidnappings are at record highs. The U.S. State Department has issued a travel advisory warning Americans to defer all nonessential travel to Guerrero except for five cities, including the big tourist resort of Acapulco.

Peña Nieto acknowledges that the events in Iguala are unacceptable and vows not to let impunity prevail. Such words are hardly new from the mouth of a Mexican president. What Americans need to see, especially at a time of deepening international instability, is that the nation on our southern border isn't contributing to the chaos.

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## Sh\*ft happens

**T**he word “sh\*ft” usually catches folks’ attention, it being a “no-no” in polite circles, and it is the most common expletive in the English language gaining acceptance, if not respectability, among many groups. But we are not in our old earthy self today.

Thomas Kuhn wrote in the *Structure of Scientific Revolution* that paradigm shifts happen when our current operating mental model changes from one form to another, e.g., flat earth to circular earth, or the earth-centric universe to solar systems and galaxies, and a radical transformation ensues. Material and social sciences have not been the same since, and even normal discourse has adopted the metaphor of “paradigm shift” into its vocabulary.

The wars of the 20th century are historically a fight for crude. Once the prerogative of royals and their empires, colonies began to take seriously their equity in the precious black gold underneath their lands. One can trace all the skirmishes that led to the world wars and encounters after and discover that they involved quarrels over access to oil.

My personal paradigm shift happened on the day MLK, Jr. was assassinated. I was in a car accident that made me appreciate the lifestyle of “dead man walking,” followed by the earthrise of 1968 that defined my fealty to a planet rather than to a nation-state or ethnic group. It was the challenge of human development in India, in the State of Maharashtra where the task was endless and seemingly insurmountable, that I became convinced the selfhood in the business of catalyzing change is about the expenditure of one's life, not the accumulation of accolades for achievements. I was Gandhi's “nobody,” a doormat in history, and learned to just be that!

Paradigm shifts are happening in the area of climate change, as wet regions get to be too dry, and dry regions get to be too wet; formerly solid tectonic foundations are suddenly areas of quakes. Fissures are presumably getting tectonics dislodged by the added fluidity under from the melting of the ice caps.

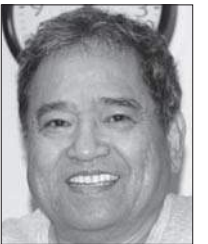
The smog alert in north China last week dramatized the need to manage carbon emissions from coal, the effects of which affects 360 degrees of the planet, at the same time, cities like Beijing with its population and catch-up infrastructures has to divert fresh water from the lowlands south for its needs, opening another intrusion on the fragile ecological balance.

For 400 years, the nation-state as a political form evolved, and old lines of sovereignty are being challenged in a world where something like climate change, or the Internet, does not recognize national boundaries. For the convenience of former colonizers, there was a “gentleman's agreement” after WWII that colonial bounds were not going to be altered, so you have nations in the Sub-African area

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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being stitched together on the balance of perpetual conflict, more so as nation-states are tied to the oil interests of the West.

With no national border secure in cyberspace, Internet security has become a buzzword, though many still uses it to define military alliances. The scandal of U.S. forces in Japan and Korea, and the continuing meddling of the U.S. in Philippine and Vietnam affairs would be laughable if it were not dangerous. The U.S. clearly needs to confront its economic dependence on its military might. The CNMI economy, sadly, is totally dependent on Uncle Sam's western Pacific military interests.

The U.S. strategy of air strikes on the Islamic State begs the Watergate wisdom to “trace the money.” Jets from Arab countries are not mirages from the desert, nor are the rockets and missiles bought at WalMart; they are hardware acquired from oil revenues to keep EU and U.S. companies humming.

That there is no money in peace, but a lot to be made in war, is obvious. Many want to play. When NoKor's No. 2 man surprisingly shows up at the Asian Games' closing, it unhinged many players in the armaments industries, so we saw ranking State personnel immediately show up in Seoul and Japan. Suddenly, SoKor and NoKor exchange live fires, India and Pakistan revive dormant sparks in Kashmir, EU and Russia fight it out by proxy in Ukraine and Crimea, while Kurds riot against Turkey for not intervening in the border Syrian town of Kobani when they really want (and need) to create a Kurdistan. The global stock market adjusts accordingly with commercial gain being the sole consideration. Human lives are dispensable.

Civil disobedience is a tactic to break existing law on the ground that one's life is worth the sacrifice for a higher law. The idealism of the young has now turned into growing delinquent behavior of the bored rich and disillusioned hopeless. HK is becoming an object lesson for agents of change; momentary outbursts may be tolerated but sustained revolution is a costly enterprise.

Paradigm shifts. Change is in the nature of life. Jerusalem, NYC, Nairobi, Rio, Tokyo, Brussels, and Beijing need to catch up with the learning curve. Sh\*ft happens.



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## Cyclical hardship?

A casual ocular review of the quality of life of our people over the last 10 to 20 years prompts the question: What has leadership done to improve the buying power of families struggling for air in the sea of economic disaster?

Answer: None!

Thus, we move from prayerful “hope” to “nope,” embracing our quiet resentment of the way things have gone into subterranean abject familial poverty, metastasizing—spreading like stage four cancer—on all three islands.

This isn’t political concoction. You hear it loud and clear from the multitude. It’s bad tidings all around as we head into the polls next month. It won’t be “biba” but “bilibal!”—throw the bums out.

Malcolm Forbes echoed it well: “More often than not, people and things appear to be as they are.” When folks cringe in frustration, you know all roads lead back to failure in competence!

A brave though disoriented public official related that it’s a “cyclical” phenomenon that should improve someday. Sounds familiar, doesn’t it?

Said Magoo, “Yep! Throw him into his hollow view so he gets recycled until he understands his shallow assertion!” I couldn’t agree more. I mean why retort with an empty answer that only shows ignorance of issues of magnitude that has and continues to destroy the livelihood of families Marianas-wide?

### Drowning in sea of red ink

Persistent fiscal crisis is an issue political dinosaurs won’t admit candidly. Obviously, they’ve kicked it underneath tons of coconut husks so they could conveniently suffocate it heading into the Nov. 4 general election. Nice try! But we’ve memorized your antics!

Take another cruise around the villages for you will see, in no uncertain terms, how your negligence has relegated our people to living in subterranean poverty for more than a decade. With nearly 80 percent of their income gone before payday Fridays, is there really a chance you could convince them otherwise?

Hardship is heavily embedded in the faces and hearts of our people. Common decency dictates they aren’t ready for more of the same. There would be a generational shift with finality come

Nov. 4. Enough is enough!

### It’s ‘We the people’

Folks have left the debate, review, and disposition of matters of state for the Legislature and administration to conduct in “deliberative” fashion. There’s trust that the interest of the people is upmost in their daily work as “public servants.”

Sadly, public servant changed to one of “masters” of “we the people” who willfully ignored the role of citizens under a government “of the people, for the people and by the people.” It shoved casino down our throat with quick legislative approval followed by a lightning though fearful dark signature penned “in the midnight hour.”

This juvenile conduct speaks volumes of political arrogance wrapped in dictatorial agenda to overrun the will of “we the people.” This has gone on a bit too long. No, sir! We still believe in a government of laws, not of men. Reciprocity from “we the people” will be delivered powerfully this Nov. 4!

### Disappearance of four girls

Two Japanese girls disappeared up north. It wasn’t a case of falling off Banzai Cliff but a beach at the end of a village. There isn’t a trace of their disappearance.

Before this, the grammar school age Luhk sisters disappeared at a bus station in Santa Lourdes. To date there’s no trace of their disappearance either.

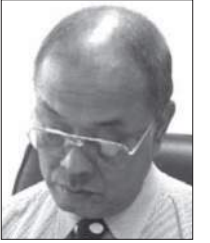
These disappearances remind me of two brothers who also disappeared in the Talofoto area in the late ’50s. They headed to the farm after work on horseback. They never returned nor were they ever found. Gone!

I could understand it if the island were the Bermuda Triangle where UFOs and USOs has been seen by ordinary people or if in fact it’s an established fact that a certain spot here is a supernatural geographic area. Never heard of it then or in recent past.

So where are these missing folks? Were they abducted and shipped somewhere? Where would that place be? If not, then it stands to reason that the perpetrator is walking handsomely among us daily, highly equipped with ultra-rational behavior demonstrating normal attitude. Or I may be wrong in this speculation all together.

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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But who would want to hurt or keep two young visitors or innocent schoolgirls? What’s the motive beyond robbery and rape? Is the perpetrator the same person or different altogether? Is there a cave only he knows where he’s kept the girls all unto himself? Is the cave on land or underwater? Would the perpetrator fumble the ball at some point ahead? When he fumbles his treasured trove, would it be another abduction or murder or both? By this time it would be quite late for the next victims, right?

Troubling. Nonetheless, in the case of the Japanese girls it had to be the ultra-luster of using the merciless heart of violent death to end the smiles of joy from the faces of innocent visitors. The disappearance of the Luhk sisters revolves around greed. Just connect the dotted line for it would take you to a despicably unbelievable conclusion.

Buddy Magoo believes there’s room to do spiritual justice for the four missing girls by praying for them. He disagrees that the same could be done with political dinosaurs. Said he, “When the neurons in their cranium fades, incapable of fiduciary immersion to do the right thing by doing it right, it’s time to extricate them from office.” I couldn’t agree more.

Signs tell us things like the legal speed limit, warning of men at work ahead, names of places, and other timely warnings. Buddy Magoo said his favorite is “My Pay Day” sign. Said he, “It tells me two days in advance that there’s almost nothing left in my paycheck.” I told him to give da boys a chance with their so-called “solutions”. “Nah, must change a redundant tune forthwith!” Factually lucid an observation!

## National Disability Employment Awareness Month

By **THOMAS M. THORNBURGH**

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

In America, we as a people represented by the U.S. Congress have agreed that people with disabilities have the power to contribute to the American economy. In 1973 Congress stated: “Disabilities are a natural part of the human experience.”

This year for NDEAM, our theme is “Expect, Employ, and Empower!”

So often, myths about people with disabilities in the workforce are the barriers that prevent employers from hiring this overlooked workforce. The following are some myths and actual facts about people with disabilities in the workforce:

**MYTH:** Employees with disabilities have a higher absentee rate than employees without disabilities. **FACT:** Studies by firms such as DuPont show that employees with disabilities are not absent any more than employees without disabilities.

**MYTH:** People with disabilities are inspirational, courageous, and brave for being able to overcome their disability. **FACT:** People with disabilities are simply carrying on normal activities of living when they work at their jobs, go grocery shopping, pay their bills, or compete in athletic events.

**MYTH:** People with disabilities need to be protected from failing. **FACT:** People with disabilities have a right to participate in the full range of human experiences including success and failure. Employers should have the same expectations of, and work requirements for, all employees.

**MYTH:** People with disabilities have problems getting to work. **FACT:** People with disabilities are capable of supplying their own transportation by choosing to walk, use a car pool, drive, take public transportation, or a cab. Their modes of transportation to work are as varied as those of other employees.

**MYTH:** People with disabilities are unable to meet performance standards, thus making them a bad employment risk. **FACT:** A 1981 DuPont study which involved 2,745 employees with disabilities found that 92 percent of employees with disabilities rated average

or better in job performance compared to 90 percent of employees without disabilities.

**MYTH:** Considerable expense is necessary to accommodate workers with disabilities. **FACT:** Most workers with disabilities require no special accommodations and the cost for those who do is minimal or much lower than many employers believe. Studies by the Job Accommodation Network have shown that 15 percent of accommodations cost nothing, 51 percent cost between \$1 and \$500, 12 percent cost between \$501 and \$1,000, and 22 percent cost more than \$1,000.

**MYTH:** Employees with disabilities are more likely to have accidents on the job than employees without disabilities. **FACT:** In the 1990 DuPont study, the safety records of both groups were identical.

*Source: Presidents Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities - October, 1994. Used with permission. Written by: Institute for Community Inclusion <http://www.communityinclusion.org>*

I know many people with disabilities in many jobs in our government and private sector around our islands. They contribute, they help our economy, they are vested here in our islands, and they are willing to work like everyone else to realize their dreams and/or goals in life. We must all look at every person on the same playing field regardless of a disability. In other words, treat everyone equally! Furthermore, federal laws protect people with disabilities from being discriminated against when seeking, obtaining, during, and leaving a job based on disability.

As the chairman for the CNMI NDEAM Committee, I am proud to inform you that through collaboration with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities out of NMC, Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Assistive Technology Center, the Ayuda Network, the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc., and the Office of Federal Contracts Compliance Programs out of the U.S. Department of Labor on Guam are collaborating this year for NDEAM and have brought Mr. Phillip Marlowe who represents the U.S. Department of Labor and for the last two years

as the Compliance Officer for the Office Federal Contracts Compliance Programs, Guam and the CNMI. Mr. Marlowe is a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel – Military Police and served in the Air Force and Army for a total of 34 years. He has extensive experience in Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action program management. He will do training on Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act, Reasonable Accommodations, and Affirmative Action Plan for the first whole day of training. Then Mr. Ray Diaz of the AT Center, Ms. Jane Tudela of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Mr. Floyd Masga of the University Center on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, and I will present information on “Assistive Technology + Employment = An Accessible Workplace, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Communication in the Workplace, the ADA Title I and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Sensitivity Training to the islands of Tinian last week, and Rota this week.

Saipan will be the last training location for NDEAM. It will be at the Kanoa Resort this Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, from 8am to 4pm, and also this Friday Oct. 24, 2014, from 8am to 12pm.

We invite you to join us if you are interested by calling Maggie or Elvira at the Office on Vocational Rehabilitation at 322-6537 or 38 to register for this training. Seating is limited, so please call as soon as possible. If you need a TTY, please call NMPASI at 235-7278 to register with Carmen.

It is through education and training that we can change current attitudes about people with disabilities in the work force. Together we can change for the better. So expect people with disabilities to work, employ people with disabilities in your workplace, and empower our people with disabilities by treating everyone equally regardless of our differences.

For more on NDEAM, please do not hesitate to contact me at NMPASI by calling 235-7273 or 4. For TTY, call 235-7278.

Happy National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month!






*Thomas M. Thornburgh is the National Disability Employment Awareness Month Committee chair.*



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
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### Micronesia

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Palau	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼79
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼79
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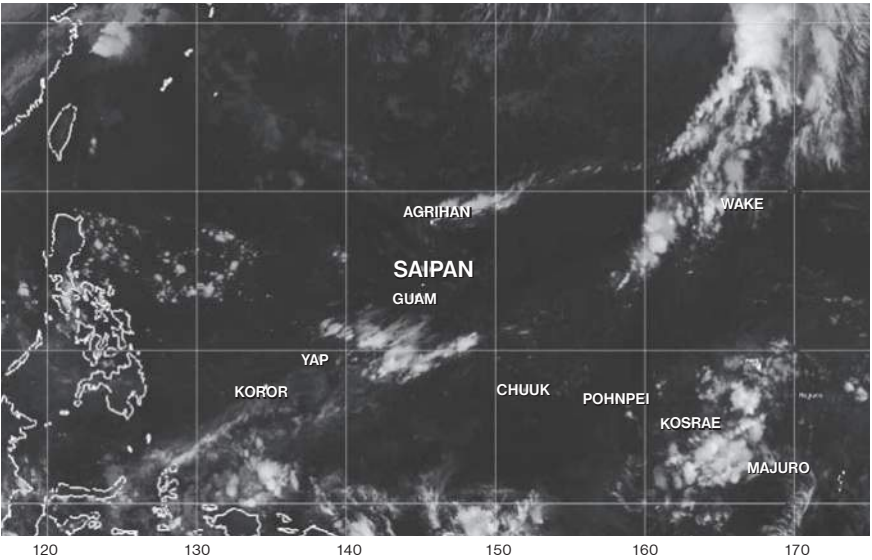
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London	Cloudy	▲61 ▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼62
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼74
Melbourne	Showers	▲67 ▼53
Miami	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼74
New York	Showers	▲59 ▼51
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Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲67 ▼54
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### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:38 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
7:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
1:42 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
7:28 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough stretches from 25N163E to 12N149E to 8N137E to beyond 130E at 11N. Low-level convergence near the trough is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Guam between 8N and 10N from 144E to 148E and near Wake Island between 15N and 25N from 150E to 148E and west of the Marianas between 14N and 17N from 130E to 134E. A cold front extends from 25N163E to 19N145E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms could be found over and east of the Northern Marianas within 75 miles of a line that stretches from 21N157E to 17N145E. A weak circulation can be found northeast of Kosrae near 6N164E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located near Kosrae and Kwajalein between the equator and 10N from 161E to 169E. A surface trough is located to the east of the dateline. Surface convergence ahead of the trough is generating scattered showers east of Majuro between 4N and 9N from 173E to 180. Low-level convergence combined with an upper-level trough is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Palau between the equator and 3N from 131E to 137E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10 AM	6:52 PM
Thursday	6:10 AM	6:52 PM
Friday	6:11 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	6:11 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	6:11 AM	6:51 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:31 PM	4:44 AM
Thursday	5:21 PM	5:25 AM
Friday	6:11 PM	6:09 AM
Saturday	7:04 PM	6:55 AM
Sunday	7:58 PM	7:44 AM

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN		
UA5070	4:15am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	3	UA5071	6:40am	3
UA5068	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am
UA5039	2:30pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm
UA5078	3:20pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm
UA5038	3:20pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm
UA5040	7:05pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm
UA5078	8:35pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm
UA5044	10:50pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)		
UA5039	2:30pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
UA5039	3:35pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm
DL297	4:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
QZ606	2:20am	1	7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm
QZ606	2:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	QZ603	8:50am	2:20pm
7C 3401	2:20pm	5, 7	7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm
QZ604	3:30pm	Daily	QZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1
7C 3401	4:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	QZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
3U8648	6:10am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN		
MU764A	4:00am	4, 7	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1
MU764	4:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN		
3U8646	4:20am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
QZ606/701	2:20am	1 via ICN	QZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm
QZ606/701	2:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:35pm
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm
UA5070/191	4:15am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm
UA5070/183	4:15am	2, 5 via GUM	DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1
UA5070/183	4:15am	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm
DL287/473	6:05am	Daily via NRT	QZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1
UA5071/PR111	7:15am	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1
UA5068/183	8:00am	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1
UA5068/183	8:40am	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1
UA5068/183	8:40am	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1
UA5039/183	2:30pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1
UA5038/183	3:20pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1
UA5078/183	3:20pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1
UA5078/183	3:20pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1
UA5038/183	3:20pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5038	11:30pm	2:50pm+1
QZ604/703	3:30pm	2, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA184/5077	11:30pm	6:35pm+1
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN		
QZ606/721	2:20am	1 via ICN	QZ746/603	12:40am	2:20pm
QZ606/723	2:20am	1 via ICN	QZ750/603	1:40am	2:20pm
QZ606/721	2:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	QZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1
QZ606/723	2:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	QZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1
UA5070/179	4:15am	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	QZ724/605	1:50pm	1:10am+1
UA5068/179	8:00am	3 via GUM	QZ724/605	1:50pm	1:45am+1
UA5068/179	8:40am	1, 5, 6 via GUM	UA180/5071	9:55pm	7:30am+1
UA5039/179	2:30pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1
UA5078/179	3:20pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1
QZ604/749	3:30pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:50pm+1
QZ604/749	3:30pm	7 via ICN	UA180/5041	9:55pm	6:35pm+1
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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily	12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	SAIPAN TO ROTA		
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily	7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily	SAIPAN TO TINIAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat



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# Business

## US agency warns car owners to get air bags fixed

**DETROIT (AP)**—The U.S. government issued an urgent plea to more than 4.7 million people to get the air bags in their cars fixed, amid concern that a defect in the devices can possibly kill or injure the driver or passengers.

The inflator mechanisms in the air bags can rupture, causing metal fragments to fly out when the bags are deployed in crashes. Safety advocates say at least four people have died from the problem and there have been multiple injuries.

Multiple automakers have recalled vehicles in the U.S. over the past two years to repair air bag inflators made by Takata Corp., a Tokyo-based supplier of seat belts, air bags, steering wheels and other auto parts. In a statement Monday, the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration warned owners of those cars to act right away.

The agency has been investigating the problem since June, and has cited reports of six inflators rupturing, causing three injuries.

Worldwide, automakers have recalled about 12 million vehicles because of the problem.

The warning covers cars made by Toyota, Honda, Mazda, BMW, Nissan, General Motors and Ford. Passenger or driver air bags or both could have the faulty inflators. Safety advocates say the problem could affect more than 20 million vehicles in the U.S.

### Faster than the blink of an eye

**Impact**  
When there is a moderate to severe crash, a signal is sent from the ECU to the air bag module

**1 Discriminating sensor**  
The crash sensor's purpose is to measure how quickly the vehicle slows down in a frontal crash or to detect a front-angle crash, and send those signals to the ECU

**2 Safing sensor**  
A safing sensor is a backup sensor that is usually mounted in the ECU; it provides confirmation of a collision

**3 ECU**  
The ECU acts like the brain of the air bag system; it receives signals from the various sensors and decides if and when each air bag should deploy

**4 Driver airbag**  
An igniter in the inflator starts a chemical reaction that produces a gas that fully inflates the air bag faster than the blink of an eye — less than 1/50th of a second

**5 Deflation**  
The air bag automatically deflates as the gas escapes through vents in the fabric of the air bag; the whole process of air bag inflation and deflation occurs in less than one second

**6 Other locations**  
Side-impact airbags are designed to help protect occupants from a side impact; not required by law

**Effects**  
Frontal airbags do not eliminate the need for safety belts

**Algorithm**  
When deciding to deploy the air bag, the ECU takes into consideration a variety of factors; in addition, it may record data such as vehicle speed, throttle position, engine RPMs and brake data

**Effects**  
Airbag restrains upper torso and head  
Seat belt secures the lower torso and hips

**Other locations**  
Since 1998-model year, driver and passenger airbags have been required standard equipment in all passenger cars sold in the United States

**Airbag safety:** Here are suggestions on avoiding injuries from airbags and keeping safe on the road:

- Always wear your seat belt; airbags only supplement them
- Place children 12 and younger in the back seat
- Maintain the greatest distance possible between the airbag and your chest while still safely operating the vehicle
- Read your owner's manual about airbags

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Graphic: Noah Musser, The Kansas City Star

## Record iPhone sales drive Apple's 3Q beat

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—The iPhone again proved to be the engine behind Apple's blockbuster financial performance, driving quarterly results well past expectations.

Excitement for the new iPhone 6 and 6 Plus models sparked sales of 39.3 million iPhones in the last quarter—a record for the months of July

through September—and made up for more disappointing sales of the company's iPad tablets.

"Those are Picasso-like numbers," said FBR Capital Markets analyst Daniel Ives, referring to the iPhone, which contributed \$23.7 billion in sales, or more than half of the company's \$42.1 billion in quarterly revenue. He said the

new iPhone models are "what's going to put fuel in Apple's growth engine."

Apple said iPhone sales rose 21 percent over the same period a year earlier. By contrast, iPad revenue fell 14 percent, to \$5.3 billion for the quarter. While analysts have reported an industry-wide decline in tablet sales, the iPad figures were still lower

than Wall Street had expected.

The company said it expects total revenue, from all products, of between \$63.5 billion and \$66.5 billion during the quarter that ends in December. That suggests Apple will likely beat the expectations of analysts, who were forecasting \$63.7 billion in holiday-quarter sales, according to FactSet.

## China economy grows at slowest pace in 5 years

**BEIJING (AP)**—China's economic growth waned to 7.3 percent last quarter, the lowest rate since early 2009, resuming a slowdown that had been eased by mini-stimulus measures earlier in the year.

The third quarter figures, released Tuesday, put China on course for annual growth somewhat lower than the 7.5 percent targeted by Chinese leaders. The world's No. 2 economy grew 7.5 percent from a year earlier in the previous quarter and 7.4 percent in the first quarter.

Communist leaders are trying to steer China toward growth based on domestic consumption instead of over reliance on trade and investment, but the slowdown raises fears of politically

dangerous job losses.

However, employment has remained strong and the service industries that leaders want to promote have done well this year despite the downturn, which has been focused largely in the property market, said economist Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics.

"There is still a lot of downward pressure on the economy," Evans-Pritchard said. Spending on infrastructure shored up growth in the second quarter but "once that fizzled out, the downward pressure has returned."

## Total oil company CEO dies in Moscow plane crash

**MOSCOW (AP)**—The CEO of French oil giant Total SA was killed when his corporate jet collided with a snow removal machine Monday night at Moscow's Vnukovo Airport, the company said.

Total "confirms with deep regret and sadness" that Chairman and CEO Christophe de

Margerie died in a private plane crash at the Moscow airport, the company said in a press release dated Tuesday and posted on its website.

Airport officials told Russia's Tass news agency that the collision occurred at 11:57 p.m. Monday, killing de Margerie and three

crew members, all of them French citizens.

"The thoughts of the management and employees of the Group go out to Christophe de Margerie's wife, children and loved ones as well as to the families of the three other victims," the company news release said.

A representative of the transport investigative department told Tass that the French-made Dassault Falcon 50 business jet, headed for France, collided with the snow removal machine during takeoff. Airport officials said the driver of the snow removal machine was not hurt.



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	Canadian Dollar	1.1264	Japanese Yen	106.345	Swiss Franc	0.9412
	Chinese Yuan	6.1226	Malaysian Ringgit	3.2585	Taiwan Dollar	30.37
	Euro	0.7799	New Zealand Dollar	1.2505	Thailand Baht	32.23



# Nation

## Police: Indiana suspect hints at more killings

**GARY, Ind. (AP)**—Police investigating the slayings of seven women whose bodies were found in northwest Indiana over the weekend said Monday they believe it is the work of a serial killer, and that the suspect has indicated there could be more victims going back 20 years.

The Lake County prosecutor's office on Monday charged 43-year-old Darren Vann of Gary, Indiana, in the strangulation death of 19-year-old Afrika Hardy. Her body was found Friday night at a Motel 6 in nearby Hammond.

Gary officials were expected to charge Vann later this week in the deaths of six more women, whose bodies were found Saturday and Sunday. Hammond Police Chief John Doughty said

at a news conference that Vann confessed to Hardy's slaying and gave police information that led to the other bodies in Gary, including three on the same block.

Vann was a convicted sex offender in Texas, where he pleaded guilty in 2009 to raping a woman and was released from prison in July 2013.

The Austin Police Department issued a statement Monday saying it would review missing persons and cold cases to determine if there could be a link to Vann and asked anyone with information to come forward.

Doughty said police have no specific indication that any slayings have occurred in another state, and the Gary slayings appeared to have happened re-

cently. He said Vann is cooperating with investigators in the hope of making a deal with prosecutors.

"It could go back as far as 20 years based on some statements we have, but that has yet to be corroborated," Doughty said.

The Texas Department of Public Safety listed his risk level as "low" on its sex offender registry. He did not register in Indiana.

Court records in Travis County, Texas, show Vann served a five-year prison sentence, with credit for the 15 months he was in jail awaiting trial, after pleading guilty in 2009 to sexually as-



Vann

saulting a woman at an Austin apartment two years earlier.

The woman told police that she went to Vann's apartment, where he asked if she was a police officer. After she told him no, he knocked her down and began to strangle and beat her, hitting her several times in the face and telling the woman he could kill her. He then raped her.

Vann allowed the woman to leave and she called police the next day.

Indiana authorities said Hardy, the woman Vann is accused of strangling, was involved in prostitution and had arranged to meet him at the Motel 6 through

a Chicago-area website. Police were called by someone who attempted to reach Hardy and "was provided suspicious text responses that she believed to be from the suspect while he was still inside the motel room."

Police said they took Vann into custody Saturday afternoon after obtaining a search warrant for a home and vehicle in Gary.

They found the body of 35-year-old Anith Jones of Merrillville, Indiana, on Saturday night in an abandoned home. She had been missing since Oct. 8.

Five more bodies were found Sunday in other homes, said Doughty, who identified two of the women as Gary residents Teaira Batey, 28, and Christine Williams, 36. Police have not determined the identities of the other three women, including two whose bodies were found on the same block where Jones' body was found on Saturday.

Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson said only Jones was reported missing, perhaps indicating that Vann "preyed on individuals that might be less likely to be reported missing."

Hardy's mother, Lori Townsend, said police told her

that Vann asked that Hardy perform a certain sex act and "when she said 'no' and put up a fight, he snapped and strangled her."

"This man is sick," Townsend said from her home in the Denver area.

Hardy graduated from high school in late 2013 and planned to go to college to study music, Townsend said.

"She was full of life. She lit up a room with her smile and her beauty," she said. "And she had a voice like a songbird."

Gary, once a thriving steel town of 178,000 where thousands worked in the mills, has been struggling for decades. Its population has shrunk to just over 78,000 and its poverty rate hovers around 40 percent. Thousands of homes are abandoned, many with weeds choking broken sidewalks—often on the same streets where other homes are tidy and well-kept.

On Monday, people in Gary tried to make sense of the tragedy.

"That's devastating," said Jay Jackson, 25, a health care worker visiting a woman a few houses from where one of the bodies was found. "All we can do is pray for the city and hope for recovery."

## White House opposes Nazi benefit payments

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Former Nazis should not be getting the Social Security benefits they are receiving as they age overseas, the White House said Monday, responding to an Associated Press investigation that revealed millions of dollars have been paid to war-crimes suspects and former SS guards who left the U.S. for Europe.

"Our position is we don't believe these individuals should be getting these benefits," said spokesman Eric Shultz when

asked about the situation.

He said the Justice Department has said it has "aggressively pursued Nazi war criminals and brought over 100 of them to justice." He added that the department and the Social Security Administration "work together within the confines of current law to cut off benefits for criminals that shouldn't be receiving them."

AP reported Sunday that dozens of Nazi suspects have collected benefits after being forced out of the United States. Though

their World War II actions led to their departure, they were not convicted of war crimes.

The payments flowed through a legal loophole that gave the Justice Department leverage to persuade Nazi suspects to leave the U.S. If they agreed to go, or simply fled before deportation, they could keep their Social Security, according to interviews and internal U.S. government records.

Several efforts to change the law to cut off payments to the few aged former Nazis

have failed.

Separately, a senior House Democrat demanded on Monday that the Obama administration investigate the payments over the years.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York requested the inquiry in letters to the inspectors general at the Justice Department and Social Security. Maloney, a high-ranking member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, called the payments a "gross misuse of taxpayer dollars."

## CDC releases revised Ebola gear guidelines

**ATLANTA (AP)**—Federal health officials on Monday issued new guidelines to promote head-to-toe protection for health workers treating Ebola patients.

Officials have been scrambling to come up with new advice for protective gear since two Dallas nurses became infected while caring for the first person diagnosed with the virus in the United States.

The new guidelines set a firmer standard, calling for full-body garb and hoods that protect worker's necks; setting rigorous rules for removal of equipment and disinfection of gloved hands; and calling for a "site manager" to supervise the putting on and taking off of equipment.

They also say health workers who may be involved in an Ebola patient's care should repeatedly practice and demonstrate proficiency in donning and removing gear—before ever being allowed near a patient.

And they ask hospitals to establish designated areas for putting on and taking off equipment, whether it's a room adjacent to an Ebola patient's room or a hallway area cordoned off



In this Oct. 16, 2014, file photo, registered nurse Keene Roadman, stands fully dressed in personal protective equipment, as he and registered nurse Fred Serafin, right, demonstrate proper protective procedures to doctors and nurses during a training class at the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

with a plastic sheet.

Nurses' groups and other hospital workers had pressed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the new guid-

ance, saying the old advice was confusing and inadequate, and workers felt unprepared.

It's not clear exactly how or when the two nurses at Texas

Health Presbyterian Hospital became infected. Hospital officials have said they were following CDC guidance while caring for Thomas Eric Duncan.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Suspect in Va. abduction charged in DC area rape

**FAIRFAX, Va. (AP)**—The suspect in the disappearance of a University of Virginia student was charged Monday with abducting and raping a woman in suburban Washington, D.C., in 2005. The indictment against Jesse L. Matthew Jr. was handed up by a Circuit Court grand jury in Fairfax County and includes a charge of attempted capital murder. Matthew, 32, is being held in Charlottesville, Virginia, on a charge related to the Sept. 13 disappearance of Hannah Graham, an 18-year-old from northern Virginia. At a news conference Monday, Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh declined to discuss any details of the case, but did say the victim is cooperating.

#### Police say they might have spotted ambush suspect

Police shifted their search and a northeastern Pennsylvania school district tightened security amid another reported sighting Monday of the suspect in a deadly state police ambush. A local law enforcement official reported seeing suspect Eric Frein near the Swiftwater Post Office in the Pocono Mountains, leading to an intensive police search. Frein had not been captured, Trooper Connie Devens said

Monday night. The post office is near Pocono Mountain East High School, where a woman out for a walk Friday night spotted a rifle-toting man with a mud-covered face police believe was Frein, who has remained on the loose for more than a month despite the intense manhunt. Frein, 31, is charged with opening fire outside the Blooming Grove state police barracks on Sept. 12, killing a trooper and seriously wounding another. (AP)

#### Hawaii rides out storm, but remote islands at risk

**HONOLULU (AP)**—Sunny skies returned to the Aloha State, the day after a hurricane left Hawaii without inflicting much harm beyond heavy rain. Hurricane Ana was downgraded to a tropical storm late Sunday afternoon as it moved west of the chain. While the main Hawaiian islands rode out the storm with no reports of any serious problems, the National Weather Service said Tropical Storm Ana has set her sights on small, remote islands that make up what's known as the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. A hurricane watch remained in effect Monday for portions of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, one of the largest marine conservation areas in the world, located about 1,200 miles from Honolulu.



# Asia

## Philippine leader: Murder case won't harm US ties

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Philippine President Benigno Aquino III said Monday that a murder investigation focused on a U.S. Marine should have no bearing on the two countries' relations, while U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Washington seeks no "special privilege"

for the suspect but only protection of his rights.

Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton, one of thousands of American and Philippine military personnel who took part in joint exercises earlier this month, is suspected in the killing of Jennifer Laude, a

26-year-old transgender Filipino whose former name was Jeffrey. Philippine police and witnesses said the two met at a disco bar in the city of Olongapo on Oct. 11, then went to a motel room where Laude's body was later found in the bathroom. She had apparently been drowned in the toilet, according to police Chief Inspector Gil Domingo.

Pemberton is being held on the USS Peleliu at the Subic Bay Freeport, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) northwest of Manila, and U.S. authorities have ordered the ship to stay there until the investigation is completed.

The Visiting Forces Agreement, which allows U.S. forces to conduct military drills in the Philippines, says that the Philippines can prosecute American service members, but that the U.S. has custody

over them "from the commission of the offense until completion of all judicial proceedings." The Philippine Supreme Court, however, ruled in 2009 that convicted U.S. personnel must serve any sentence in Philippine detention.

The killing has drawn protests, typically small, by opponents of the U.S. presence in the Philippines, as well as by gay, lesbian and transgender groups that have labeled the killing a hate crime. The nations signed an accord in April that allows greater U.S. military access to Philippine military camps, part of Washington's pivot back to Asia, where it wants to counter China's rising might.

Aquino defended the Visiting Forces Agreement on Monday and said Pemberton's case would not affect it.

"Why would we abrogate the VFA? I mean, name me any

place that doesn't have a crime. And the sin of one person should be reflective of the entire country? I don't think so," Aquino said. He said the important task was to gather all the details that would pin down the killer "so we will get justice."

Kerry, on a brief stop in Jakarta, Indonesia, for the inauguration of President Joko Widodo, said Pemberton's rights must be protected under the law and existing accords.

"It is very important for our agreements to be upheld, it is very important for the rule of law to be upheld, for his rights to be protected but for the process to unfold appropriately," Kerry said in the Indonesian capital, where he met his Philippine counterpart, Alberto del Rosario. "We will indeed uphold our agreements with our friends in the Philippines. They deserve nothing less."

Accompanied by local police, Laude's family filed a murder complaint Wednesday against Pemberton with Olongapo prosecutors.

On Friday, Philippine authorities served a subpoena at the U.S. Embassy for Pemberton and four other Marines, who were sought as witnesses, to appear Tuesday before prosecutors in Olongapo in a preliminary investigation. The prosecutors will decide if there is enough evidence for charges to be filed in court.

American investigators have worked with local police, but have not made public any details surrounding the case.

The U.S. Embassy said Sunday that prosecutors had met with the four witnesses. The embassy said it was up to the suspect whether to appear on Tuesday, depending on the advice of his Philippine lawyers.

## Joko Widodo sworn in as Indonesia's new president

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—Joko Widodo completed a journey from riverside shack to presidential palace on Monday, cheered through the streets following his inauguration by tens of thousands of ordinary Indonesians in a reminder to the opposition-controlled parliament of the strong grass-roots support that swept him to power.

The 53-year-old must make tough decisions, and soon, to stand a chance of boosting economic growth in Indonesia, a sprawling nation of 250 million people. Supporters have already expressed concerns any reforms he tries to enact could be blocked by a hostile opposition led by the Suharto-era general he defeated in July's election.

But those thoughts were put aside momentarily Monday when Widodo and his deputy traveled from the parliament building to the presidential palace in an organized public party, the first in the country's history following an inauguration. After a few kilometers (miles), he left his car and took a horse and cart, flashing victory signs and shaking countless hands.

"To the fishermen, the workers, the farmers, the merchants, the meatball soup sellers, the hawkers, the drivers, the academics, the laborers, the soldiers, the police, the entrepreneurs and the professionals, I say let us all work hard, together, shoulder to shoulder, because this is a historic moment," Widodo said in his inauguration speech, witnessed by regional leaders and U.S. Sec-



Indonesian President Joko Widodo gestures during a celebration with supporters after his inauguration as the country's seventh president at the National Monument in Jakarta, Indonesia, Monday, Oct. 20, 2014.

retary of State John Kerry.

Widodo, better known by his nickname of Jokowi, was elected with 53 percent of the vote, with most of his support coming from poor, non-urban Indonesians attracted by his simple demeanor and record of hard work as Jakarta governor.

The son of a furniture maker, he grew up in a rented bamboo shack on the banks of the river Kalianyar in Solo, a town on Java Island.

He is the first Indonesian leader not to come from the country's super rich, and often corrupt, political, business and military elite.

"I was moved by Jokowi's inauguration speech this morning, it was so beautiful," said Rukasih Wanti, standing under a blue umbrella with her two kids waiting for the president.



### NEW HOMELESS

A Filipino woman reacts as she checks the remains of her burned home as a fire razed a residential area in Manila, Philippines on Monday, Oct. 20, 2014. At least 150 families were left homeless because of the fire said the investigator, Senior Fire Officer 2 Edilberto R. Cruz.



### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Few hopes of success in Hong Kong talks

**HONG KONG (AP)**—Hong Kong officials and student leaders will hold talks to try to end pro-democracy protests gripping the southern Chinese city for more than three weeks, though chances of success are slim given vast differences between the two sides. The city's Beijing-backed leader won't be attending Tuesday evening's discussions. Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying has reaffirmed his position that China's communist leaders won't allow Hong Kong citizens to openly nominate candidates for inau-

gural elections in 2017 to succeed him. In comments to some foreign media, he said allowing full democracy in the Asian business hub would give the poor too much of a say. Leung's comments underline how the protests have been fuelled by discontent among the young over soaring inequality in the former British colony.

#### 13 workers die in fire at Indian fireworks factory

**HYDERABAD, India (AP)**—A blaze engulfed a fireworks factory in southern India on Monday, killing at least 13 workers and seriously burning

seven others, police said. The fire department was still trying to control the fire by early evening and the bodies could not immediately be retrieved, said Ravi Prakash, a police superintendent in Andhra Pradesh state's East Godavari district. He said the fire broke out during a lunch break at the factory in Vakattippa village. The local government has ordered an investigation. The fire comes days ahead of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, which is marked with fireworks.

#### Taliban attack kills 4 Afghan soldiers in Kabul

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—At least four Afghan soldiers have been killed in a roadside bomb attack on a bus in the capital. Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi, spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of Defense, says the blast occurred Tuesday morning while army troops were on their way to the ministry in Kabul. Azimi says six other soldiers and six civilians were wounded in the blast, adding that the bomb was detonated by remote control. A Taliban spokesman tweeted that the group was claiming responsibility for the attack. Taliban insurgents have stepped up

their attacks against both Afghan and NATO security forces. Most international security forces are preparing to withdraw by the end of the year.

#### Australia's Parliament House lifts face veil ban

**CANBERRA, Australia (AP)**—Australia's Parliament House on Monday lifted a short-lived ban on facial coverings including burqas and niqabs after the prime minister intervened. The department that runs Parliament House had announced earlier this month that "persons with facial coverings" would no longer be allowed in

the open public galleries. Instead, they were to be directed to galleries usually reserved for noisy schoolchildren where they could sit behind soundproof glass. On Monday, the Department of Parliamentary Services, or DPS, said people wearing face coverings would be allowed in all public areas of Parliament House. It said face coverings would have to be removed temporarily at the front door so that staff could "identify any person who may have been banned from entering Parliament House or who may be known, or discovered, to be a security risk."



## World

## Suicide, car bombings in Iraq kill at least 43 people

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—Iraq's top Shiite cleric on Monday gave his support to the new government battling the Islamic State group as militants unleashed a wave of deadly attacks on the country's majority Shiite community, killing at least 43 people.

The blitz by the militants this summer plunged Iraq into its worst crisis since U.S. troops left at the end of 2011. While there was no claim of responsibility for Tuesday's

attacks, they seemed likely calculated by the group to sow fear among Iraqis and keep pressure on the new Shiite-led government in Baghdad.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, who took office last month, met Monday with top Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani in the southern city of Najaf. He said after their talks that al-Sistani welcomed the recent formation of the government that Al-Abadi now leads.

The spiritual leader wields considerable influence among Iraq's Shiite majority, and the meeting carried symbolic significance because al-Sistani has shunned politicians in recent years to protest how they run the country.

"We have a long and hard mission ahead of us," al-Abadi told reporters after emerging from the meeting with the cleric, who is believed to be 86 years old. "One of the missions is related to security. We need

arms and we need to reconstruct our security forces."

Al-Sistani lives in the Shiite holy city of Najaf, 160 kilometers (100 miles) south of Baghdad, and rarely appears in public.

The day's attacks killed dozens in Baghdad and the Shiite holy city of Karbala.

In the capital, the bomber blew himself up among Shiite worshippers as they were leaving a mosque in a central commercial area after mid-

day prayers Monday. That blast killed at least 17 people and wounded 28, a police officer said.

In Karbala, four separate car bombs went off simultaneously, killing at least 26 people and wounding 55, another police officer said. The city, about 90 kilometers (55 miles) south of Baghdad, is home to the tombs of two revered Shiite imams and the site of year-round pilgrimages. The explosives-laden cars were parked in commercial areas and parking lots near government offices, the officer added.

Medical officials confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to talk to media.

The attacks in Baghdad and Karbala, the latest in relentless

assaults that have challenged the Shiite-led government, came a day after a suicide bombing targeted another Shiite mosque in the Iraqi capital, killing 28 people.

The latest attacks bore the hallmarks of the Islamic State group, which has recently claimed several other large bombings in Baghdad and elsewhere, particularly in Shiite areas.

The militants have captured large chunks of western and northern Iraq, carving out a proto-state on both sides of the Syria-Iraq border and imposing its own harsh interpretation of Islamic law. Since August, U.S. warplanes have been carrying out airstrikes against the group as Iraqi and Kurdish security forces work to retake territory it has seized.

## Turkey says it helps Kurdish fighters enter Syria



Thick smoke from an airstrike by the US-led coalition rises in Kobani, Syria, as seen from a hilltop on the outskirts of Suruc, at the Turkey-Syria border, Monday, Oct. 20, 2014. Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, and its surrounding areas, has been under assault by extremists of the Islamic State group since mid-September and is being defended by Kurdish fighters.

**SURUC, Turkey (AP)**—Turkey said it was helping Iraqi Kurdish fighters cross into Syria to support their brethren fighting Islamic State militants in a key border town, although activists inside embattled Kobani said no forces had arrived by Monday evening, raising questions about whether the mission was really underway.

The statement by Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu came hours after the U.S. airdropped weapons and ammunition to resupply Kurdish fighters for the first time. Those airdrops Sunday followed weeks of airstrikes by a U.S.-led coalition in and near Kobani.

After a relative calm, heavy fighting erupted in the town as dusk fell, with the clatter of small arms and tracer fire, as well as the thud of mortar rounds and big explosions of two airstrikes that resounded across the frontier.

"We are helping peshmerga forces to enter into Kobani to

give support," Cavusoglu said at a news conference, referring to the security forces of the largely autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq. The Kurdish government there is known to be friendly to the Turkish government.

A peshmerga spokesman said he had not been ordered to move units to Syria.

"They have not given us any orders to move our units," said the spokesman, Halgurd Hekmat. "But we are waiting, and we are ready."

The Kurdish activists in Kobani said there was no sign of any peshmerga forces.

Still, it was unprecedented for Turkey to promise to give Kurds passage to fight in Syria. That, combined with the U.S. airdrops, reflected the importance assigned to protecting Kobani from the Sunni extremists of the Islamic State group, which has rampaged across Iraq and Syria in recent months.

It also underscored the enor-



mity of the challenge in battling militants who have been trying to seize Kobani since last month to spread their rule along the mountainous spine of the Syria-Turkey border, an area dominated by ethnic Kurds.

Ankara views Kurdish fighters in Syria as loyal to what Turkish officials regard as an extension of the group known as the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK. That group has waged a 30-year insurgency in Turkey and is designated a terrorist

group by the U.S. and NATO.

The government is under pressure to take greater action against the IS militants—not only from the West but also from Kurds in Syria and inside Turkey who accuse Ankara of standing by while their people are slaughtered. Earlier this month across Turkey, there were widespread protests that threatened to derail promising talks to end the PKK insurgency.

Although a significant departure from previous positions, Turkey's announcement to allow fighters to cross its territory is not a complete policy reversal, since it involves peshmerga fighters from Iraq and not those from the PKK.

It remains uncertain whether Ankara would allow heavily armed Iraqi Kurdish fighters to make the journey in large numbers. It is also unclear if many of those peshmerga troops would even do so, given that the IS militants still threaten their areas in Iraq.

## Submarine hunt sends Cold War chill across Baltic Sea

**STOCKHOLM (AP)**—Sweden's biggest submarine hunt since the dying days of the Soviet Union has put countries around the Baltic Sea on edge.

In a scene reminiscent of the Cold War, Swedish naval ships, helicopters and ground troops combed the Stockholm archipelago for a fourth day Monday for signs of a foreign submarine or smaller underwater craft that officials suspect entered Swedish waters illegally.

While Sweden hasn't linked any country to the suspected intrusion—and Moscow suggested it was a Dutch sub—the incident sent a chill through the Baltic Sea region, where Russian forces have been accused of a series of border violations

on land, sea and air in recent months.

"Closely following events in the Swedish territorial waters, may become a game changer of the security in the whole Baltic Sea region," Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics wrote on Twitter.

Swedish military officials say there have been three sightings of the elusive craft since Friday, just 40 kilometers (25 miles) west of Stockholm amid the myriad of islands and skerries that stretch from the capital into the Baltic Sea.

On Sunday they released a photograph taken at a distance of what they said could be the mystery vessel—a dark speck surrounded by foaming water.

## Yemen: Suicide bomber kills 10 Houthi rebels

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)**—A suicide car bomb on Monday targeted a house used by Shiite Houthi rebels in a town south of Sanaa, killing at least 10 and injuring 15, security officials said, in an attack that bore all the hallmarks of al-Qaida.

The officials said the bombing in the Radaa area in Baydah province hit the house of Abdullah Idris, a top local official with the party of ousted President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

All victims were members of the Houthi movement, whose fighters overran the capital of Sanaa last month. The Houthis have since made significant military advances widely suspected to have been made with the help of Saleh's loyalists among tribes and in the military.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

No one claimed responsibility for the bombing, which took

place just hours after the officials reported that fighting resumed between the Houthis and al-Qaida fighters in Radaa. The battles left 13 of the rebels and 15 militants dead, according to tribal officials in the area.

Also on Monday, the officials said al-Qaida militants captured the town of al-Adeen, 200 kilometers (125 miles) south of from Sanaa in Ibb province. They did not give details on the capture of the town, where gunmen from al-Qaida last week stormed the local security headquarters and held it for hours before fleeing to the mountains.

The Houthis, widely suspected of links to mostly Shiite Iran, have been trying to take full control of Ibb since last week.

The fighting and the bombing in Radaa signal a widening battle between the Shiite rebels and the Sunni militants of al-Qaida in a burgeoning conflict that threatens to evolve into a sectarian split similar to that in Syria and Iraq.



## Focus

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## MISSION UNACCOMPLISHED

## Containing Ebola in Africa

Looking back, the mistakes are easy to see: Waiting too long, spending too little, relying on the wrong people, thinking small when they needed to think big. Many people, governments and agencies share the blame for failing to contain Ebola when it emerged in West Africa.

Now they share the herculean task of trying to end an epidemic that has sickened more than 9,000, killed more than 4,500, seeded cases in Europe and the United States, and is not even close to being controlled.

Many of the missteps are detailed in a draft of an internal World Health Organization report obtained by The Associated Press. It shows there was not one pivotal blunder that gave Ebola the upper hand, but a series of them that mounted.

Nearly every agency and government stumbled. Heavy criticism falls on the World Health Organization, where there was "a failure to see that conditions for explosive spread were present right at the start."

WHO—the United Nations' health agency—had some incompetent staff, let bureaucratic bungles delay people and money to fight the virus, and was hampered by budget cuts and the need to battle other diseases flaring around the world, the report says.

In a statement, WHO said the draft document has not been checked for accuracy and that the agency would not comment until it was finished. WHO's chief, Dr. Margaret Chan, did not respond to AP requests for comment, but told Bloomberg news service that she "was not fully informed" as the disaster evolved. "We responded, but our response may not have matched the scale of the outbreak and the complexity of the outbreak," she said.

Outside experts say the point now is not to grab necks or find fault, but to learn from mistakes.

"By the time we recognized this was serious, the genie was already out of the bottle," said Michael Osterholm, a University of Minnesota public health expert. "Nobody is to blame because everybody is to blame."

Ebola had caused two dozen smaller outbreaks elsewhere in Africa before it appeared in the western part of the continent earlier this year, "so people were caught off guard" by its rapid spread, said Dr. Irwin Redlener, director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia



In this Sept. 30, 2014, file photo, a medical worker sprays people being discharged from the Island Clinic Ebola treatment center in Monrovia, Liberia.

University. "We thought we would do what we usually do and that this would come under control, but that didn't turn out to be the case."

## EARLY BLUNDERS

The first mistake came Jan. 11 at a hospital in Guekedou, Guinea, where the grandmother of the first two children known to have died in this outbreak sought care. It was a rare opportunity—most people just seek help from traditional healers. But instead of detecting and stopping the disease, the hospital compounded the problem: Two new chains of transmission began, among patients and health workers, and in another village.

On Jan. 27, local health officials and Doctors Without Borders missed a chance to diagnose Ebola after seeing bacteria in blood samples—they concluded cholera might be the culprit. Ebola wasn't confirmed until March 21. By the end of the month, it had spread to Liberia.

In April, Doctors Without Borders warned that the outbreak was out of control, but a WHO spokesman insisted it wasn't. In May, the funeral of a traditional healer in Sierra Leone spread the virus to hundreds of people.

"It was a turning point. It fueled the epidemic in Guinea and it was the start of major epidemics in Liberia and Sierra Leone," said Dr. Peter Piot, co-discoverer of the Ebola virus and director of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Little went smoothly. WHO's Guinea office was accused of not helping a team of

experts get visas to that country. Some \$500,000 in aid was held up by red tape.

In early July, Piot "called for a state of emergency to be declared and for military operations to be deployed," he said. It didn't happen.

## HOW COUNTRIES FELL SHORT

In Guinea, the ministry of health at first would give WHO information only on lab-confirmed Ebola cases, hampering the investigation. Messages to the public about the lethal nature of the disease discouraged people from seeking treatment. When masked teams arrived to disinfect hot zones, people thought they were spraying toxic chemicals and attacked them.

Early international aid was mishandled. Guinean President Alpha Conde set up a panel with the ministers of health, communications and social affairs to fight the disease, but the minister of health couldn't formulate an effective strategy and little money was dispersed. Finally, a new committee of independent experts was appointed and funds began to flow.

In Liberia, early government messages stressed that Ebola had no cure, so sick people saw little reason to go to a hospital, and the disease spread even more. In August, the government quarantined a Monrovia slum, sparking clashes with security forces that killed a teen. Ultimately, health officials realized they couldn't track or limit Ebola spreading in the slum. Many bodies were dumped into nearby rivers.

In Sierra Leone, the government sent politicians to warn

people about Ebola rather than relying more on charitable groups and medical professionals, said Joseph Smith, a community activist in the capital city of Freetown. Some feared it was a government conspiracy to use Ebola to wipe out opposition

supporters ahead of a national census planned for December.

"They believed that the whole situation was a kind of lie," Smith said.

In Spain, where a nurse got Ebola after taking care of a patient who died of it, debate raged over whether protective gear protocols were being followed. Health workers protested about a lack of training; the government overhauled it and adopted new equipment standards.

## EBOLA COMES TO THE US

On Sept. 20, Ebola made a 5,700-mile trip to the United States, when a Liberian man, Thomas Eric Duncan, flew to Dallas. His infection was confirmed on Sept. 30. Two nurses who cared for him before he died now have the disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been harshly criticized by many who say it offered shifting advice on protective gear to hospitals and failed to assess correctly what risk Duncan's infection posed and to whom.

In fact, the CDC had been among the earliest responders

when Ebola surfaced in Africa, sending five people to Guinea in late March and two more to Liberia in April. In late May, the situation seemed in hand and WHO advised CDC that its staff could leave.

But cases surged in June and five CDC workers returned to Guinea. In July, more went to Liberia and Sierra Leone, and to Nigeria after an Ebola death occurred there. By late August, 100 CDC staffers were tracing contacts, educating health workers, communicating with the public and training officials on how to stop sick passengers from getting on planes.

Gregg Mitman, a University of Wisconsin medical historian who was in Liberia in June, said the response by CDC and others was slow, but noted that WHO and CDC had tight budgets. After the 2008 financial crisis, WHO lost more than 1,000 staff and was left with only two Ebola experts.

"We're always quick to blame ... and ask why wasn't the CDC on top of this earlier," he said. "But we're not looking at the longer picture of how we supported public health infrastructure."

Redlener, at Columbia University, agreed.

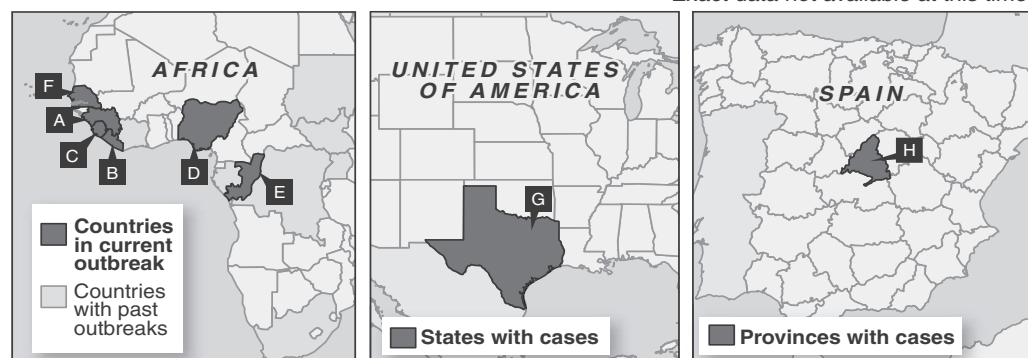
"It shouldn't just be WHO that we blame," he said. "Nobody else, no other countries, were really rushing in to help."

## Ebola report

NUMBER OF EBOLA CASES AND DEATHS as of Oct. 15

Country / State / Province		Probable/suspected	Confirmed	Total of confirmed and probable/suspected
<b>A</b> Guinea	Cases	288	1,184	843 deaths 1,472 cases
	Deaths	190	653	
<b>B</b> Liberia	Cases	3,299	950	2,458 deaths 4,249 cases
	Deaths	*	*	
<b>C</b> Sierra Leone	Cases	403	2,849	1,183 deaths 3,252 cases
	Deaths	257	926	
<b>D</b> Nigeria	Cases	1	19	8 deaths 20 cases
	Deaths	1	7	
<b>E</b> Congo	Cases	30	38	49 deaths 68 cases
	Deaths	*	*	
<b>F</b> Senegal	Cases	0	1	1 case
	Deaths	0	0	
<b>G</b> U.S.A. -Texas	Cases	0	3	1 death 3 cases
	Deaths	0	1	
<b>H</b> Spain -Madrid	Cases	0	1	1 case
	Deaths	0	0	

\* Exact data not available at this time



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Source: World Health Organization, Reuters



# Good Housekeeping

## Brand-new design can still fit into an older neighborhood's character

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**CHARLOTTE, N.C.**—When Atlanta transplants Heather McLarney and Christopher Kosa purchased a property in Charlotte's Dilworth neighborhood in August 2012 from long-time Dilworth residents, they razed the small bungalow on the long, narrow quarter-acre lot, and custom-built a three-story, Craftsman-style house in its place with 4,546 square feet of heated space.

Such transactions are occurring rapidly in this older neighborhood. Until about 10 years ago, the area consisted almost exclusively of small, mostly two-bedroom, single-story houses built around a baseball part the 1940s and early '50s. The area is almost unrecognizable today, though the Craftsman style was always part of the feel of the popular neighborhood and its history.

"We just loved the sense of community here," says Heather. "We felt at home right away. Our neighbors were so friendly and we're close to uptown and all those amenities. It was a great choice for us."

The couple, who have been together 15 years, loved the trees, neighborhood activities such as block parties and the Yiasou Greek Festival, and even the presence of wildlife that they hadn't had in Atlanta. They became accustomed to seeing owls, deer, raccoons and even a coyote ambling down McDonald.

They also fell in love with the Craftsman architectural style that characterizes much of the older parts of Dilworth. Once they started looking for a house to buy, they were determined to stay in the neighborhood. Frustrated by the selection on the market, however, they decided the best course was to follow the snowballing trend: Purchase an existing house, demolish it and build one that fit their specifications.

"We wanted our house to fit into the neighborhood, though," says Heather. "That was very important to us. We wanted it to look like it had been here for a while and not scream 'new construction!'"

That also meant borrowing some of the interior design elements—a soothing gray palette, and spacious rooms with strong, clean lines—of existing homes she had seen on their house search.

Construction on the home began in December 2012; move-in took place in September 2013.

The main structure, designed with future buyers in mind, has three dedicated bedrooms, five and a half baths, a large open-plan kitchen and living room,



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The home of Heather McLarney and Christopher Kosa in Charlotte, N.C.



CHARLOTTE OBSERVER/MCT

The formal dining room of the home of Heather McLarney and Christopher Kosa in Charlotte, N.C.

### THIS IS HAMMER

## Storing garden tools

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**Q: I read recently that the best way to store all of my lawn tools for the winter is to rub them with linseed oil and then hang them up. Linseed oil seems like kind of a pricey way to do it, and I don't have a lot of space to hang up tools. What do you recommend? -- Karl G., Buffalo, N.Y.**

**A:** Linseed oil is considered a good medium to protect wood-handled tools, but there also are wood-conditioning blends available -- some of them contain linseed oil among the ingredients, others don't. The oil protects the handles from cracking as the wood expands and contracts from cold and hot temperature changes, dryness or humidity.

The metal surfaces of your

hand tools should not be coated with linseed oil. Instead, clean them well, removing debris and any spot rust. Some people even sharpen trimming tools one last time for the season. Then, put a light coat of protective oil on the metal portions, including the blades and any hinge points. (Some people wipe motor oil onto the blades, but oils developed for lawn tools are available at hardware stores.)

How you store the tools is up to you. The most important thing is to keep them out of direct weather -- in a storage shed, basement or garage -- and off the floor. The next priority is to store them so that the metal blades don't touch each other. If your only option is to place them on a storage shelf, lay them in a line, in opposite directions, to minimize metal-to-

metal contact.

DIYers with a garage or storage shed often designate a section of the wall for hanging tools. A classic, fast and inexpensive way to get a lot of tools into one section is to put up a piece of pegboard with metal hooks. This can be quickly configured and reconfigured since the hooks simply can be lifted up and repositioned into another peg. Hang tools by their handles. Long tools like shovels can be suspended by placing the shovel head on two hooks with the handle pointing downward.

**HOME TIP:** For garden tools that have a lot of rust, brew up some strong black tea and soak the blades in it for a couple of hours. The surface rust should wipe right off!—James in Bennington, Vt.

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plus flexible space on the open third level and a dedicated office off the main entry. A central laundry room upstairs is accessible through the master closet. There's also a mudroom that doubles as the domain for the couple's three rescue dogs.

Above the detached two-car garage is more potential living space. At present it's a large exercise room with its own bathroom.

Of particular appeal to these native Northerners—Heather grew up in Ohio, Chris in Mich-

igan—is the ability to enjoy outdoor living here so much of the year. Therefore, overlooking the backyard are double-decker screened porches. Each 300-square-foot porch has a mantel-mounted TV set and its own gas fireplace surrounded by the same faux white stone that's on the columns on the 110-square-foot porch on the front of the house.

"The contractor encouraged us to build a larger front porch,"

Heather says, "but it faces west and I felt we'd get a lot more use out of porches that didn't have the boiling afternoon sun. I also liked being able to look out at some green space at the back." The results are two comfortable, private outdoor east-facing rooms that she says they've used during all of the 12 months since moving in.

Complementing the various tones of gray with white accents throughout the house is the marble Heather chose to replace the beige-and-chocolate color scheme she used in her Atlanta home. Gray and white marble can be found in the kitchen, butler's pantry, coffee bar off the master suite and fireplace surrounds. Except for a metallic treatment on the coffered dining room ceiling, all the walls bear a gray, flat finish.

Like the natural walnut floors throughout the house, still awaiting area rugs, the walls are still mostly bare. Heather admits she got to the point where she couldn't make another decision about the house. "They don't tell you how many details go into building a house!" she says. "It was every little thing, from the size of the windows to the toilet-paper holders, and I finally... had to say 'Stop building; get out!'"

Furnishing and decorating the house continues to be a work in progress, since the couple decided to start from scratch with all-new purchases. The bold chrome chandelier in the living room is one of the only items from their Atlanta house to make it to Dilworth.

### COMFORT FOODS

## Zucchini Quiche

By HEALTHY EXCHANGES  
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When we think of harvesting the bounty of the season, zucchini comes immediately to mind. Try this delicious quiche and see if you don't try to plant more hills of zucchini seeds next spring.

1 purchased unbaked refrigerated piecrust

4 cups grated unpeeled zucchini

1 cup chopped onion

1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning

2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes

2 eggs or equivalent in egg substitute

1/2 cup fat-free half-and-half

3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat mozzarella cheese

3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Place piecrust in deep-dish

9-inch pie plate and flute edges.

2. In large skillet sprayed with olive oil-flavored cooking spray, saute zucchini and onion for 5 minutes or just until tender. Stir in Italian seasoning and parsley flakes. Place skillet on wire rack to cool.

3. Meanwhile, in large bowl, beat eggs using wire whisk. Stir in half-and-half. Add mozzarella and Cheddar cheeses. Mix well to combine. Fold in slightly cooled zucchini mixture. Pour mixture into prepared piecrust.

4. Bake 30 minutes or until filling tests done. Place pie plate on wire rack and let set 5 minutes. Cut into 8 servings.

■ Each serving equals: 202 calories, 10g fat, 10g protein, 18g carb., 403mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Meat, 1 Fat, 1 Vegetable.



## Life & Style

# Fashion designer Oscar de la Renta dies at 82

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Oscar de la Renta, the worldly gentleman designer who shaped the wardrobe of socialites and Hollywood stars for more than four decades, has died. He was 82.

De la Renta died at home Monday evening in Connecticut surrounded by family and friends and “more than a few dogs,” according to a handwritten statement signed by his stepdaughter Eliza Reed Bolen and her husband, Alex Bolen.

“While our hearts are broken by the idea of life without Oscar, he is still very much with us. Oscar’s hard work, his intelligence and his love of life are at the heart of our company,” the statement said. “All that we have done, and all that we will do, is informed by his values and his spirit. Through Oscar’s example we know the way forward. We will make Oscar very proud of us by continuing in an even stronger way the work that Oscar loved so much.”

The late ‘60s and early ‘70s were a defining moment in U.S. fashion as New York-based designers finally carved a look of their own that was finally taken seriously by Europeans. De la Renta and his peers, including the late Bill Blass, Roy Halston and Geoffrey Beene, defined American style—and their influence is still spotted today.

De la Renta’s specialty was eveningwear, though he also was known for chic daytime suits favored by the women who would gather at the Four Seasons or Le Cirque at lunchtime. His signature looks were voluminous skirts, exquisite embroideries and rich colors.

Most recently, Amal Al-

muaddin wore a de la Renta-designed wedding dress when she married George Clooney. First ladies Laura Bush wore an icy blue gown by de la Renta to the 2005 inaugural ball and Hillary Rodham Clinton wore a gold de la Renta in 1997. On the red carpet at the Academy Awards, Penelope Cruz and Sandra Bullock were among the celebrities to don his feminine and opulent gowns. His clothes even were woven into episodes of “Sex and the City” with style icon character Carrie Bradshaw dropping his name—and comparing his designs to poetry.

“We will miss Oscar’s generous and warm personality, his charm, and his wonderful talents,” Bush said in a statement. “My daughters and I have many fond memories of visits with Oscar, who designed our favorite clothes, including Jenna’s wedding dress. We will always remember him as the man who made women look and feel beautiful.”

De la Renta’s path to New York’s Seventh Avenue took an unlikely route: He left his native Dominican Republic at age 18 to study painting in Spain but soon became sidetracked by fashion. The wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Spain saw some of his sketches and asked him to make a dress for her daughter—a dress that landed on the cover of Life magazine.

That led to an apprenticeship with Cristobal Balenciaga, and then de la Renta moved to France

In this Sept. 11, 2012 file photo, fashion designer Oscar de la Renta watches as the final model walks the runway during the presentation of his Spring 2013 collection at Fashion Week in New York.



to work for couture house Lanvin. By 1963, he was working for Elizabeth Arden couture in New York and in 1965 had launched his own label.

He told the AP in 2004 that his Hispanic roots worked their way into his designs.

“I like light, color, luminosity. I like things full of color and vibrant,” he said.

And while de la Renta made Manhattan his primary home, he often visited the Dominican Republic and kept a home there.

Vogue editor in chief Anna Wintour was a frequent visitor and she has said traveling with him was like traveling with the president. “He’s a superstar,” she said.

He also had a country home in northwestern Connecticut. Gardening and dancing were among his favorite diversions from work. “I’m a very restless person. I’m always doing something. The creative process never stops,” he said.

As a designer, De la Renta always catered to his socialite

friends and neighbors—as the designer and his wife, Annette, were fixtures on the black-tie charity circuit—but he did make occasional efforts to reach the masses, including launching a mid-priced line in 2004 and developing a dozen or so perfumes, the first, called Oscar, was introduced in 1977 and more recently, Rosamor.

He was an avid patron of the arts, serving as a board member of The Metropolitan Opera and Carnegie Hall, among others, and

he devoted considerable time to children’s charity, including New Yorkers for Children. He also helped fund schools and day-care centers in La Romana and Punta Cana in his native country.

The Dominican Republic honored de la Renta with the order al Merito de Juan Pablo Duarte and the order of Cristobol Colon. Here in the U.S., he received the Coty American Fashion Critics Award twice, was named womenswear designer of the year by the Council of Fashion Designers of America in 2000 and also received a lifetime achievement award from the CFDA—an organization for which he served as president in the 1980s.

In addition to his own label, de la Renta spearheaded the Pierre Balmain collection from 1993-2002, marking the first time an American designed for a French couture house, and he was awarded the French Legion d’Honneur as a Commandeur. He also received the Gold Medal Award from the king and queen of Spain.

De la Renta gave up the title of chief executive of his company in 2004, handing over business duties to the Bolens, but he remained active on the design end, continuing to show his collections during New York Fashion Week.

De la Renta also is survived by an adopted son, Moises, a designer at the company.

De la Renta’s first wife, French Vogue editor Francoise de Langlade, died in 1983.

**Cost of making  
‘Hobbit’ movies  
up to \$745 million**

## Amazon and Simon & Schuster reach multiyear deal

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Amazon.com and Hachette Book Group remain in a months-long stand-off, but the online retailer has reached a multiyear agreement with another major New York publisher, Simon & Schuster.

Amazon and Simon & Schuster both expressed satisfaction Monday with the deal, which covers both print and digital books. Exact terms of the agreement were not available.

Amazon issued a statement saying the agreement would help both sides and “specifically creates a financial incentive for

Simon & Schuster to deliver lower prices for readers.” Simon & Schuster sent a letter to its authors and their agents, calling the deal “economically advantageous.”

“Our new deal assures that your books will be continuously available for sale at this major retailer through this year’s holiday book buying season and well beyond,” reads the letter, which the publisher shared with The Associated Press.

The letter said the publisher will have control of e-book prices, “with some

limited exceptions.”

Reportedly deadlocked with Hachette over how to share e-book revenues, Amazon has been slowing deliveries and removing pre-order buttons for numerous Hachette books, including Tina Fey’s “Bossypants” and David Baldacci’s “The Escape.” In response, best-seller Douglas Preston has formed Authors United, with Donna Tartt, Lee Child and Ursula K. Le Guin, among the hundreds of writers from a wide range of publishers who have added their names to let-

ters of protest.

Amazon has defended its actions, saying it was fighting to keep e-book prices low. Hugh Howey, Barry Eisler and many other writers published by Amazon have defended the retailer.

A spokeswoman for Hachette declined comment Monday.

Amazon is the dominant e-book seller and the cost of digital releases has been at the center of a bitter conflict between the retailer and much of the traditional industry, which has worried that Amazon’s advocacy for prices of \$9.99 and less

is not economically sustainable.

Simon & Schuster and Hachette have been negotiating new deals with Amazon because they were among five publishers sued by the U.S. Justice Department in 2012 for alleged price fixing. All the publishers settled out of court.

In 2013, Simon & Schuster, where authors include Stephen King, Bob Woodward and Walter Isaacson, had a dispute with Barnes & Noble that led to the superstore’s limiting availability of some of the publisher’s books.

## San Francisco radio stations ban hit song ‘Royals’

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—The popular song “Royals” by New Zealand artist Lorde is getting caught up in the fervor over baseball’s upcoming World Series between the San Francisco Giants and Kansas City Royals.

Two San Francisco radio stations say they won’t play the

song during the duration of the World Series. A Kansas City, Missouri, station responded with plans to play the Grammy-winning track every hour from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, the first day of the series that decides the champion of Major League Baseball.

“A few angry San Franciscans who don’t have a song called ‘Giants’ won’t rain on our parade,” Tony Lorino, program director of KZPT in Kansas City, said in a statement on the station’s website.

San Francisco stations KFOG and KOIT announced

the bans last week as the Giants clinched the pennant and headed to the series. KOIT program director Brian Figula said in a statement that listeners called for the ban. KOIT is a sister station of KZPT in Kansas City.

Jim Richards, KFOG’s program director, said the station

didn’t want to play a song that repeatedly says “Royals” while rooting for the hometown team.

“We’re all about the Giants here,” he said, adding that the ban was completely tongue-in-cheek.

Lorde has told VH1 that a photo of Kansas City Royals Hall of Famer George Brett signing autographs helped inspire her song when she saw the word “Royals” on his uniform.

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)**—The movie trilogy “The Hobbit” has so far cost nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars to make as the epic continues to set new benchmarks for studio spending.

Financial documents filed this month in New Zealand, where the films are being made, show production costs through March had reached 934 million New Zealand dollars (\$745 million).

That eclipses previous records for film productions. On a per-film basis, however, the movies are not the most expensive ever. At least not yet.

Box Office Mojo and Guinness World Records estimate that record goes to “Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End” which cost \$300 million.

Box Office Mojo estimates the first two Hobbit movies took in a combined \$1.98 billion at the box office.

Distributor Warner Bros. declined to comment.



# Standing ovation at Met Opera despite protest

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Politicians including former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Peter King joined a crowd of demonstrators outside the Metropolitan Opera on Monday as part of an ongoing protest over an opera focused on the death of a Jewish man that critics say glorifies his Palestinian killers.

About 400 people stood behind barricades chanting "Shame on the Met!" and carrying signs saying "The Met glorifies terrorism" before the first performance of "The Death of Klinghoffer."

The opera is based on the 1985 killing of passenger Leon Klinghoffer on the Achille Lauro, an Italian cruise ship hijacked by four members of the Palestinian Liberation Front. The 69-year-old was shot in his wheelchair and pushed overboard.

American composer John Adams' opera has been a lightning rod since February, when it was scheduled for this season. The first large demonstration came on the Met's Sept. 22 season opening night, featuring a Mozart work, when protesters jeered at arriving spectators.

Giuliani, standing across the street from Lincoln Center on Monday, said he wanted to warn people the Klinghoffer opera "is a distorted work."

"If you listen, you will see that the emotional context of the opera truly romanticizes



In this Sept. 22, 2014, file photo, protestors attend the arrivals at the Metropolitan Opera 2014-15 Season Opening in New York to register their disapproval of the Met's decision to premiere the controversial opera "The Death of Klinghoffer," later in the season.

the terrorists," he said.

But opera expert Fred Plotkin said Adams depicts the Klinghoffers as his work's moral spine.

"Does this opera present the killers in a favorable light? No," Plotkin said. "Are the Klinghoffers far and away the most sympathetic characters

in the opera, the ones we care about most? I believe so."

Monday's performance went on with a few orchestrated disruptions: Boos were shouted from scattered seats, and a voice yelled from a balcony, "The murder of Klinghoffer will never be forgotten!" It ended with a

standing ovation.

Earlier in the day, a rabbi led Jewish teens in a prayer vigil. Youths sat at their makeshift prayer spot opposite the Met, discussing Hebrew scriptures throughout the afternoon.

"We're here because the Met

is glorifying the killing of a Jew, and we must speak out—we're the next generation," 15-year-old Shabbos Kestenbaum said.

Rabbi Avi Weiss said the opera's music "extols" the terrorists, beginning with the "Chorus of Exiled Palestinians," while

the Klinghoffers come off as shallow, money-conscious characters whose first words are, "I've got no money left. I gave all my money for the taxi."

"The language is explosive. It's radioactive. It's dangerous," the rabbi said. "It inspires violence."

The Met canceled the international movie theater and radio broadcasts in November amid pressure from Jewish groups, especially the New York-based Anti-Defamation League. Met general manager Peter Gelb, who's Jewish, said the decision was made "as a compromise gesture."

But the Met issued a statement saying "the fact that 'Klinghoffer' grapples with the complexities of an unconscionable real-life act of violence does not mean it should not be performed. ... 'Klinghoffer' is neither anti-Semitic nor does it glorify terrorism."

The Klinghoffers' daughters, Lisa and Ilsa Klinghoffer, issued a statement through the ADL to be included in the Met program. It says they believe the arts "can play a critical role in examining and understanding significant world events. 'The Death of Klinghoffer' does no such thing. It presents false moral equivalencies without context, and offers no real insight into the historical reality and the senseless murder of an American Jew."

## Creator of 'Found' magazine amazed by musical

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A day after seeing himself onstage, Davy Rothbart was still a little dazed. The celebratory drinks afterward sure didn't hurt, but those weren't what kept him floored.

He'd just watched an actor portray him in a new, semi-fictionalized musical account of the way he'd started the super-cool magazine "Found" and how its success nearly destroyed him.

"It's like looking at a fun-house mirror and seeing your own life reflected back to you," Rothbart said over coffee while waiting for a movie. "It's a really wild ride. It was like doing mushrooms."

A drug metaphor is sort of appropriate for the quirky and surreal musical itself. "Found," now playing at the Atlantic Theater Company, is a rollicking account of how Rothbart built a mini-empire on misdirected or discarded notes and other ephemera that litter the streets.

"Found" magazine—and its website—is a fascinating compilation of poetry on napkins, to-do lists, misdirected emails, love letters, random notes and scribbles. They are sometimes funny or scary and often touching. Or weird. One reads: "You bring the paper bag, I'll bring the handcuffs... let's party."

"You get to see people at their most unselfconscious. There's a truth to them," says Rothbart. "They're so un-self-conscious,



In this Oct. 10, 2014 photo, actor Nick Blaemire, left, and magazine publisher Davy Rothbart pose in downtown New York.

revealing, honest and raw." His mother calls them "people watching on paper."

He stumbled over the concept in 2000 after finding a misdirected note on his car windshield intended for a cheating boyfriend. Celebrating such notes has spawned a magazine, tours in which Rothbart reads aloud the notes, and art gallery installations.

Now, as unlikely as it sounds, it's a musical, with a book by Hunter Bell and Lee Overtree, and music and lyrics by Eli Bolin. Bell wrote the Obie-winning "(title of show)," while Overtree and Bolin have worked with Story Pirates, which makes theatrical shows from stories written by kids.

The creators pored over the magazine's archive of some 10,000 notes, putting some into projected thought bubbles, wry

commentary on the action—"You are here in the friend zone. That's all"—and song lyrics. Rothbart offered feedback but stayed out of the creating process.

The bizarre and funny tunes include the bizarre childish rambling "Cats Are Cats"—including the indecipherable word "dlerd" that is faithfully sung—and the he-man musings of "Lord Patrick, King of the Ladies." Only names and phone numbers have been changed to protect the real authors.

Actor Nick Blaemire, who has been on Broadway in "Godspell" and "Cry-Baby," plays Rothbart and he and the cast—including Barrett Wilbert Weed and Betsy Morgan, who play romantic rivals—have wrestled with wrapping their heads around a complex show with some 600 different cues.

## Not so fast cordcutters—cable's not going anywhere

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Cord cutters rejoiced last week after HBO and CBS announced plans to sell stand-alone streaming services, a move that cable and satellite television providers have resisted for years. Customers tired of paying big fees for hundreds of channels they never watch just to have access to a few favorite shows might be expected to start cancelling cable service in droves. Get Netflix, throw in HBO, add a network here and there—why would anyone sign up now for cable?

Well, don't sound the death knell for cable companies yet.

Some would-be customers may balk when they see just how much paying a la carte actually costs. Stations that offer services a la carte will have to pay for marketing that the cable and satellite companies usually cover. Fewer eyeballs on live TV could mean less advertising revenue, since on-line ads are generally cheaper, and that will boost the network's cost of running the channel. And smooth streaming costs money: to avoid so-called "throttling" during peak evening viewing times, Netflix buckled to broadband distributors like Comcast and Verizon and paid up so that its streaming service would run at

a higher bandwidth and work more smoothly. Those added costs might be passed on to customers.

And for all those cable haters out there, sorry: Cutting the cord won't mean cutting out your cable provider. They often own some of your favorite channels (Comcast owns NBC Universal, parent of Bravo and USA) and in most areas they are the gatekeepers to the Internet. Offering popular channels like HBO over streaming could actually help cable companies sell more expensive broadband services to customers.

"The cable business is evolving from mainly selling you a pay TV package to mainly selling you a broadband Internet service," says FBR Research analyst Barton Crockett. "Content companies and cable companies are evolving from being very worried about making their content available through Internet services to very excited about that. It's a way to sell their Internet and get people to pay for faster speeds."

The cable and satellite television industry is going through major consolidation, to mitigate the higher cost each year of carriage fees that the networks charge for their channels and boost pricing power. Comcast Corp. is in the

process of buying Time Warner Cable Inc. for \$45 billion, which would make it by far the largest TV and broadband provider. AT&T Inc. is planning to buy satellite service DirecTV for \$48.5 billion. Both are under regulatory review; customers complain such deals would create monopolies that would hijack choice.

Meanwhile, pay-TV subscriptions have flatlined at about 101 million, according to data from research firm SNL Kagan. The number of high-speed Internet subscribers rose about 1 percent during the same period to 90.1 million. By comparison, pay-TV nemesis Netflix Inc. has about 37.2 million U.S. subscribers and expects to add 1.85 million during the final months of this year.

The growth in streaming services will appeal "to a segment of consumers that the traditional pay-TV providers have a harder and harder time communicating with: the millennials and so called 'cord-nevers' who haven't viewed Pay TV as a compelling option until now," says MoffettNathanson partner Craig Moffett. In fact, HBO said its stand-alone HBO Go service is largely aimed at the 10 million U.S. households that have broadband Internet service but do not pay for TV.



## Pitbull to host American Music Awards on Nov. 23



In this Nov. 24, 2013 file photo, host Pitbull speaks on stage at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Pitbull will host the 2014 American Music Awards.

The platinum-selling rapper will also perform at the Nov. 23 event at Nokia Theatre L.A. Live, to air live on ABC, dick clark productions announced Monday.

Later that week, Pitbull will perform during the halftime show on Thanksgiving Day when the Dallas Cowboys play the Philadelphia Eagles. The

Nov. 27 game will take place at the AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, and will air on Fox.

Iggy Azalea is the leading nominee at the AMAs with six. John Legend, Katy Perry and Pharrell Williams have five nominations each. Lorde is up for four honors at the fan-voted show.

Those acts are all nominated for artist of the year, competing with Beyonce, Luke Bryan, Eminem, Imagine Dragons and One Direction.

## Jimmy Fallon's picture book inspired by daughter

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Forgive Jimmy Fallon if his new book is a story of wishful thinking.

The host of NBC's "The Tonight Show" has a deal with Feiwei and Friends for the picture book "Your Baby's First Word Will Be Dada."



Fallon

Fallon says he was inspired by his daughter, Winnie Rose, whose first word, alas, was "Mama."

The publisher announced Monday that the book is scheduled for release in June.

Feiwei and Friends is an imprint of Macmillan.

## British royal couples' 2nd child due in April

**LONDON (AP)**—The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have confirmed that their second baby is due in April—the first time they have offered a month for the royal birth.

Kensington Palace also said in a statement Monday that the duchess, who has been sidelined by prolonged morning sickness, continues to improve. There was no word on the baby's gender.

The former Kate Middleton and Prince William are scheduled to welcome Singapore President Tony Tan when he arrives on a four-day state visit this week. She is also expected to attend the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2014 award ceremony.

The duchess canceled several engagements after her second pregnancy was announced in September. She also had acute morning sickness during her pregnancy with Prince George, who was born in July 2013.



In this Tuesday, July 23, 2013 file photo, Britain's Prince William and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge hold their new born son George, as they pose for photographers outside St. Mary's Hospital exclusive Lindo Wing in London where the Duchess gave birth.

## 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer' actor arrested in Idaho

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)**—An actor best known for his role in the television series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" is apologizing for actions that led to his arrest in a hotel lobby in Idaho.

Nicholas Brendon, who played Xander Harris on the hit show that ran from 1997 to 2003, said Monday on Facebook that he erred by mixing prescribed pain medication and alcohol.

"The result was embarrassing and unacceptable," he wrote. "I intend to seek appropriate treatment and therapy for my medical ailments as well as my emotional demons."

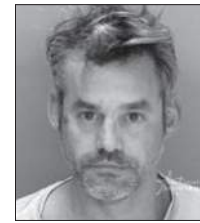
He said the physical pain came from a cyst behind his kneecap, but he didn't elaborate on the cause of the emotional demons.

Brendon was participating in the Tree City Comic Con at a Boise expo center where fans could have a photo taken with him for \$40 and get his auto-

graph for \$30.

Boise officers took the 43-year-old actor into custody after responding to a disturbance around 9:30 p.m. Friday. Brendon faces misdemeanor charges of resisting officers and malicious injury to property.

Police say Brendon showed signs of being intoxicated and refused to remain seated while officers spoke with witnesses. Hotel officials say Brendon broke a decorative dish and they



Brendon

want to press charges. Authorities in a statement Saturday said Brendon was booked in the Ada County Jail and released after posting bond.

"During this difficult time, I appreciate understanding as I pursue rehabilitation—and I value support as I earn redemption with my family, friends, and fans," Brendon wrote in the statement confirmed as his by his booking

agent, Kahmeela Adams, in an email to The Associated Press.

This was the first year for the Tree City Comic Con that besides Brendon drew an array of writers, illustrators and other actors, including John Rhys-Davies who was Gimli in "Lord of the Rings," Nichelle Nichols who played Lt. Uhura in "Star Trek: The Original Series," and Verne Troyer, who played Mini Me in "Austin Powers."

Event organizers didn't return a phone call from the AP on Monday.

## Yearwood, Santana to perform at World Series

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Trisha Yearwood and Carlos Santana are among the musicians set to perform the national anthem during the World Series.

Major League Baseball says Yearwood will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" before Game 1 on Tuesday when the San Francisco Giants play the Kan-

sas City Royals at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri.

Santana will perform an instrumental rendition of



Yearwood

the national anthem with his son before Game 4 on Saturday at the AT&T Park in San Francisco.

Former "American Idol" winner Phillip Phillips will sing before Game 2 on Wednesday. Country quartet Little Big Town will sing before Game 3 on Friday.

The games will air on Fox at 8 p.m. Eastern time.

## Wrong number leads woman to think she's met Mr. Right

**DEAR ABBY:** I met a guy over the phone when he called my number by mistake. After a brief conversation, not particularly polite on my part, the call ended. Forty-five minutes later he called me back, saying he couldn't stop thinking about me. I thought, "Who is this goofball?"

Over time, my phone has been "pinging" with messages from him. He has sent his life story, photos and address. He even gave me his Social Security number and told me to run a check on him to see for myself that he's legitimate. We have been talking for eight months and are making plans to meet. He lives in another state, but he has a sister in mine.

Should I meet him in his hometown or let him come to me? I don't believe this is a game-playing situation. I am 55 years young; he's 64. We converse on FaceTime daily and at night we have Bible studies together via the Internet. He makes me happy. What is your opinion, and what should I do?

SWEPT AWAY IN GEORGIA

**DEAR SWEPT AWAY:** Your romance seems almost like a Hallmark Channel love story—two strangers who connect because of a wrong number. However, have him visit you first, meet your family, friends and minister. THEN visit him in his hometown and meet HIS friends, children (if he has any), minister, etc.

Don't do this just once—give yourself enough time to get beyond the endorphin rush. He may turn out to be Prince Charming, but a woman can never be too careful, and you need to proceed with

your eyes wide open. If this becomes a successful relationship, it will be a wonderful "how did you meet?" story.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My parents just informed me that they have not been practical about their finances. I suspected it based on the ratio of their salaries to their purchases, but it was confirmed during a conversation in which they said they have saved nothing for retirement. More disappointing, they both had advantages that would have set them financially for life had they been smart with their money.

On the other hand, I save religiously, and I'm on my way to building the retirement I want for me and my wife. I feel bad for my parents, but I can't help worrying that everything I am working for is being threatened by their poor choices and unwillingness to change how they deal with money.

When I expressed concern that I would have to support them financially at some point because of this, I was made to feel selfish because of all the sacrifices they made for me over the years. Who is wrong here?

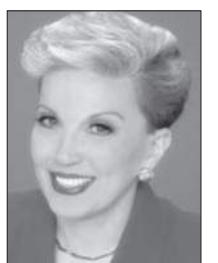
"BAD SON" IN BALTIMORE

**DEAR SON:** Your parents are, for having blown the money they should have been saving and for trying to guilt you into supporting them. (By the way, they're not alone. MANY Americans in their 50s and 60s have only now awakened to the fact that they won't have enough—or any—money to supplement their Social Security.)

## DEAR ABBY

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The sacrifices parents make are supposed to be done out of love, not to indenture their children. If there is still time for them to sock away some savings for when they will no longer be working, I suggest they start now. (Suze Orman says that whether you're in your 30s, 40s or 50s, it's never too late to start saving for your financial future.) As a GOOD son, ask if they would like your help in investing it.

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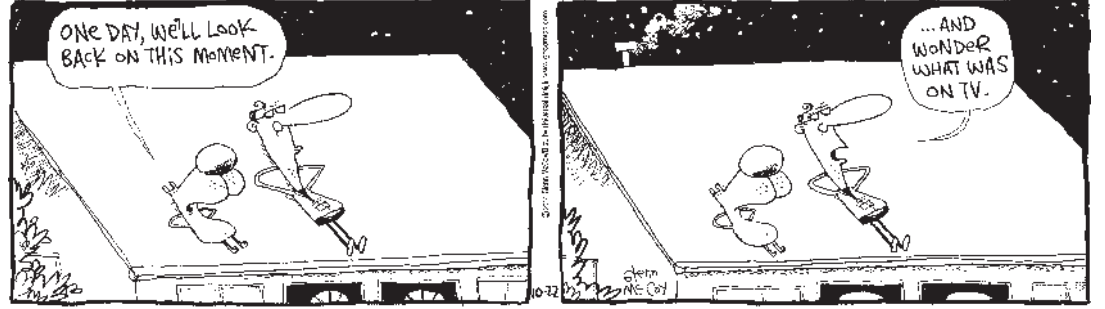


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By Eugene Sheffer

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14 Lotion additive  
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16 Spiny critter  
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20 Toward the stern  
21 Partially mine  
24 Leaks out slowly  
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8 Computer type  
9 — Baba  
10 Junior  
11 Get a glimpse of  
17 E.T.'s transport  
19 Cauldron  
22 Freeway access  
23 Who says?  
25 Tubular pasta  
26 Greek vowels  
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29 Curved molding  
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35 Board-game component, perhaps  
38 Vestiges  
40 Bullring bravo  
42 Work with  
45 Cabbage salad  
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48 Doing  
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**Yesterday's answer 10-22**

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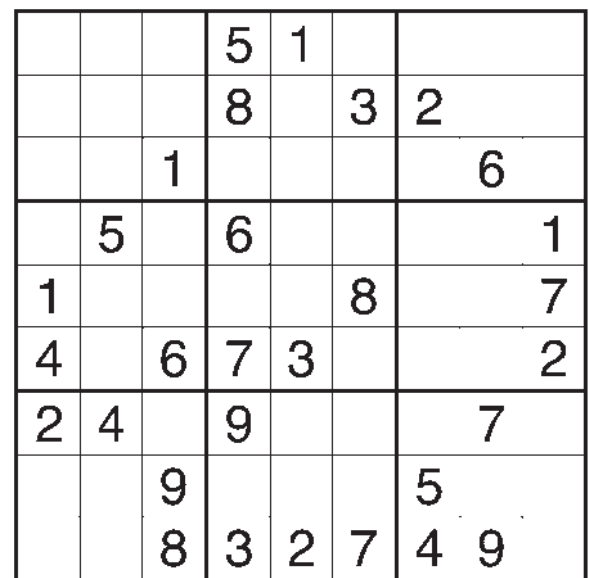
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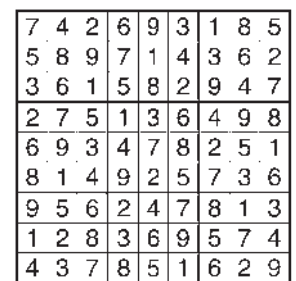
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# Steelers rally past stunned Texans, 30-23



**PITTSBURGH** (AP)—The deluge started with a desperation third-down heave, a trickle that turned into a downpour and led to another abrupt turn in the Pittsburgh Steelers' confounding season.

Good one week and lousy the next, Pittsburgh managed to be both in a 30-23 victory over the mistake-prone Houston Texans on Monday night.

Ben Roethlisberger passed for two touchdowns and wide receiver Antonio Brown added another on a gadget play during a decisive 73-second stretch late in the first half that moved the Steelers from down 10 to an 11-point lead.

"You stand on the sidelines long enough, you will see explosions such as that," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "It was good to be on the good side of it."

Roethlisberger finished with 265 yards passing. Le'Veon Bell racked up 145 yards of total offense, including a 43-yard catch-and-run with less than 2 minutes to go in the first half that became the spark the Steelers desperately needed.

"That provided the type of emotion the group needed," Tomlin said. "Then we kind of fed off that. The guys really capitalized on it."

Arian Foster ran for 102 yards for Houston (3-4), but just 29 over the final three quarters. Ryan Fitzpatrick was 21 of 32 for 262 yards with two touchdowns and an interception, but the Texans were undone by three turnovers, including consecutive offensive snaps that handed the momentum over to the Steelers.

"We had a terrible second quarter," Houston coach Bill O'Brien said. "We couldn't come back from it. Just too many turnovers. We just had a hard time overcoming all those things."

Texans defensive end J.J. Watt recovered a fumble and picked up his third sack of the season but was neutralized for



AP  
Houston Texans quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick (14) is tackled by Pittsburgh Steelers outside linebacker Arthur Moats (55) in the first half of the NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 20, 2014 in Pittsburgh.

The turnaround left Heinz Field euphoric and the Texans and Watt stunned.

The Steelers methodically added on in the second half, extending the lead to 14 points on a pair of Suisham field goals before a late scoring pass from Fitzpatrick to Foster provided the final margin.

The end played in stark contrast to the beginning, when the Texans dominated.

Fitzpatrick found rookie running back Alfred Blue for an 11-yard touchdown pass to end a 10-play, 94-yard drive on the Texans' opening possession before Watt went to work.

The MVP candidate recovered a Roethlisberger fumble, leading to a 39-yard field goal by Randy Bullock that gave Houston a 10-0 lead. Watt later dropped Roethlisberger for his third sack of the year.

It was the third time this season that Watt had a fumble recovery and a sack in the same game. No other player in the NFL has more than one.

Still, it couldn't stop the Texans from extending a slide that has erased the positive vibes from their promising 3-1 start.

most of the second half.

Pittsburgh was listless for the first 25 minutes, letting Foster and Fitzpatrick do whatever they wanted as the Texans raced to a 13-0 lead that seemed larger.

A 44-yard Shaun Suisham field goal with 3:08 left in the half gave the Steelers a minor boost.

A strike from Roethlisberger to Bell provided a much larger one shortly after the 2-minute warning. Roethlisberger hit the versatile back for a 43-yard gain - Pittsburgh's longest pass play of the season—to move the ball to the Houston 35.

Roethlisberger then found Martavis Bryant, who struggled staying healthy in the preseason and spent the first six weeks on the inactive list, with a beautiful rainbow that the rookie caught in the back of the end zone to

make it 13-10 with 1:27 left.

"Everybody started clicking," Bryant said. "Everybody woke up. It was good to make the play to have the team wake up, get the momentum going."

The Steelers were just getting started.

Foster fumbled deep in Houston territory two plays after Bryant's score and the Steelers recovered. Pittsburgh offensive coordinator Todd Haley, who has faced heavy criticism for his play-calling, went deep into his book to help the Steelers take the lead.

On first-and-goal, Roethlisberger flipped the ball to Brown, who was coming in motion. The Pro Bowl wide receiver then spun back around to his left and fired a strike to Lance Moore in the end zone.

"We worked on it like two times in practice," Brown said. "The first

time was a little funny but the second time it panned out."

Houston's issues escalated on the next snap when Fitzpatrick's throw over the middle was deflected into the arms of Pittsburgh defensive end Brett

Keisel. The 36-year-old took the second pick of his career to the Houston 8.

Roethlisberger found Brown for a 6-yard gain and then hit Bell - who was uncovered after going in motion - for a touchdown.

## SIDEBAR

### Harvin not 'perfect,' happy for chance with Jets

**FLORHAM PARK, N.J.** (AP)—Percy Harvin has been called lots of things during his NFL career.

Talented but injury prone. Explosive on the field and combustible off. A playmaker but a troublemaker.

The New York Jets' newest wide receiver doesn't deny he has had some issues. But he also wants to be judged from what he does starting now, not just his checkered past.

"I'm definitely not a perfect person," Harvin said after his first practice with his new team Monday. "I have a lot of things that I wish I could have done a little differently. But I'm moving forward. I'm learning from those lessons."

"I'm happy to be here right now and looking to make the most out of it," he said.

The Jets and Seattle Seahawks completed a deal Saturday in which New York sent a conditional draft pick to Seattle for Harvin. Jets general manager John Idzik thought the potential payoff in acquiring a player with Harvin's type of versatility and game-breaking skills outweighed the risks involved.

"I look at it," Idzik said, "as this could be a potential coup

for the New York Jets."

Harvin was "shocked" by the trade and it came as a surprise to most in NFL circles. After all, the Seahawks parted ways with a player who helped them win a Super Bowl last season.

But at 26, Harvin has been traded twice already now, including by Minnesota, the team that took him in the first round of the 2009 NFL draft. The Jets were extremely interested in Harvin during that draft process before trading up to take quarterback Mark Sanchez.

Harvin has played in 60 games with only 47 career starts. He was traded to the Seahawks in 2013 for a 2013 first-round and seventh-round draft choice and a 2014 third-rounder, but appeared in just one regular-season game in 2013 because of hip surgery. But Harvin ran back a second-half kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown in Seattle's 43-8 rout of Denver in the Super Bowl.

Harvin is also a player who is injury prone and has had some questions about his character and interactions. Harvin acknowledged that he had "incidents" in the locker room

with former Seahawks teammates Golden Tate and Doug Baldwin, but declined to give details.

"The way I go about my business is by keeping everything in-house, but for whatever reason, they decided to unleash things," Harvin said. "Some things did happen. That's in the past. We've moved forward and I've talked to Golden and Doug. We've all moved forward from it. I'm here now and I'm moving on."

Jets right tackle Breno Giacomini, Harvin's teammate in Seattle last season, said the incidents are being "blown up for no reason" and "wasn't like it was this big, huge boxing match."

"Almost everybody in this locker room has been in a fight before," Giacomini said. "We play football, you know what I'm saying? Oh, it happened twice? Who cares? He's a good competitor. That's what it is. I know it was squashed right away with Golden because I was there, and I heard the same thing about Doug. I think it's being blown up."

Harvin said he was "frustrated" about the way the Seahawks were using him in the offense.

## McIlroy to skip 2 events to focus on lawsuit



**DUBLIN** (AP)—Rory McIlroy said Monday that mediation in a lawsuit with his former management company has failed, and he will skip his next two tournaments in China because he needs time to prepare for the trial.

McIlroy will not play the BMW Masters, which starts Oct. 30 at Lake Malaren, or the following week at the HSBC Champions. Those are the opening two events in the final series of the Race to Dubai on the European Tour. The HSBC Champions is a World Golf Championship.

The world's No. 1 player has been involved in an acrimonious dispute with Dublin-based

Horizon Sports Management. He left Horizon in the spring of 2013, about six months after signing a lucrative contract with Nike. Both groups have sued each other, and McIlroy's attorneys have sought evidence that Graeme McDowell was getting a better deal from Horizon. A judge recommended mediation to keep sensitive documents from going public.

"I'm going to need time away from tournament golf to prepare for the trial over my legal dispute with Horizon Sports Management," McIlroy said in a statement. "The court-direction mediation process failed over the weekend to resolve the issue."

The trial is expected to begin in February.

McIlroy has virtually locked up the Race to Dubai. He is not expected to play until the DP World Tour in Dubai on Nov. 20-23. He also plans to defend his title in the Australian Open, which would be his final tournament of the year.

McIlroy won the British Open, a World Golf Championship and the PGA Championship in consecutive starts, which enabled him to win PGA Tour player of the year for the second time in three seasons. He also won the Vardon Trophy and the PGA Tour money title.

He played in the PGA Grand Slam of Golf last week in Bermuda, a 36-hole exhibition among current major champions. McIlroy finished a distant third.



# Rest or rust? Royals, Giants set for World Series



**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)**—Alex Gordon took a big rip at a batting-practice fastball, fouled it off badly into the cage, and ducked when the carom nearly hit him in the head.

Gordon let out a huge laugh, and so did a bunch of his Kansas City Royals teammates watching Monday's workout.

"I can't believe that just happened, dude," pitcher James Shields razed.

It'll be more frustrating than funny if those are the same awkward swings the Royals and San Francisco Giants take once the World Series begins.

Going into Game 1 on Tuesday night at Kauffman Stadium, both teams will deal with a familiar issue this deep in the postseason: Does an extended layoff translate into rest or rust?

Buster Posey and the Giants zipped through the playoffs, and now will try for their third title in five years. Lorenzo Cain and the Royals zoomed along, reaching the Series for the first time since 1985.

And then, they all got some time off. Almost an eternity, by October standards.

The Royals went 8-0 in the AL playoffs, giving them

five idle days before Shields starts the opener. San Francisco went 8-2 on the NL side and had four days to relax before Madison Bumgarner pitches.

"It's definitely different because we have played so many games over the last 7 1/2, eight months. But you just understand it's one of those things," Posey said.

As recent history has shown, hitters can be very vulnerable when they get out of rhythm.

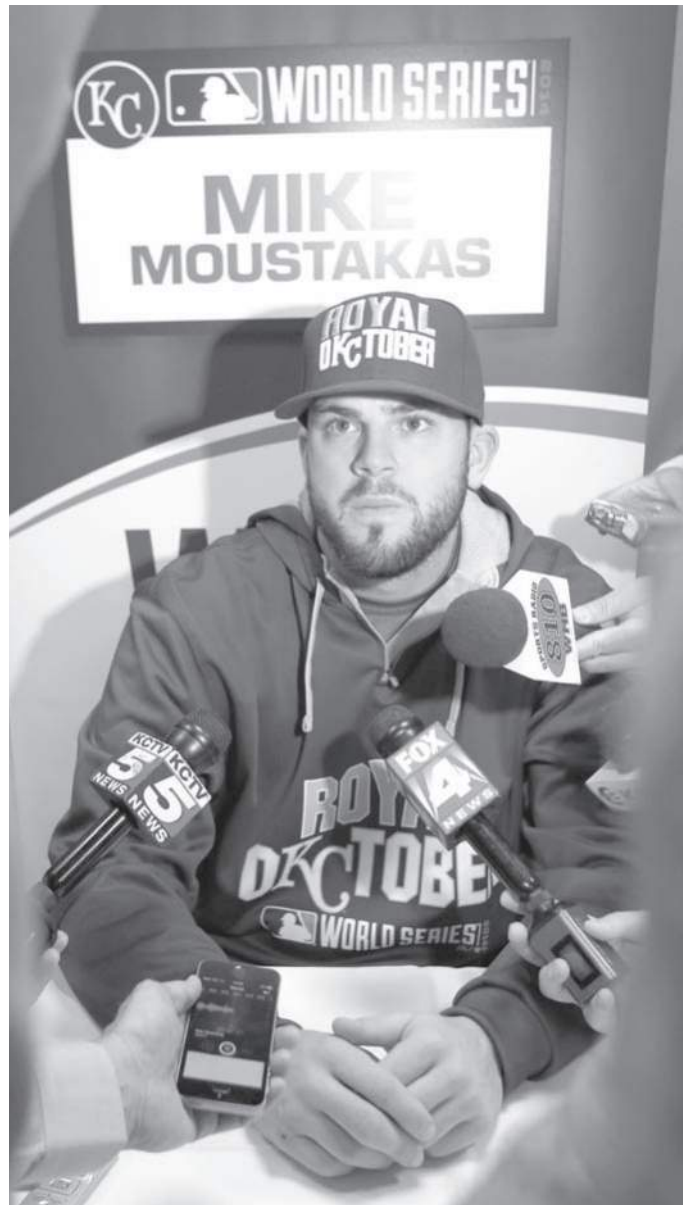
"It affects a bit with your timing, especially when trying to adjust to pitchers," Kansas City second baseman Omar Infante said. "It's hard to recover that groove you have."

The slightly favored Giants and Royals held practices, studied video and checked out scouting reports. But as several teams that stumbled in the World Series after long breaks discovered, nothing can duplicate playing a real game.

Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera and Detroit got nearly a week off in 2012, then the Tigers hit a combined .159 and totaled six runs in getting swept by the Giants.

Troy Tulowitzki and the Colorado Rockies rushed into the 2007 World Series, waited a week and got outscored 29-10 in Boston's sweep.

A year earlier, Magglio Ordonez and the Tigers looked so powerful in the playoffs, but



fell apart a week later and hit only .199 in a five-game loss to St. Louis.

Infante played on both of those Detroit teams that got wiped out. He actually ex-

<sup>AP</sup> Kansas City Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas speaks to the media during an availability, Monday, Oct. 20, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals are scheduled to play Game 1 of baseball's World Series against the San Francisco Giants on Tuesday.

celled in 2012, hitting .333.

"It's a short series, you need some luck. We lost four in a row and they were coming from playing seven. In this series, I think both teams are even," he said.

Royals reserve Raul Ibanez, who's enjoyed postseason success in the past, said "determination and will" carry players in the fall. Yet the timing and confidence that lifts them for so long can be lost in a hurry.

All of a sudden, a ball that might've been a solid double becomes a soft fly. A line drive up the middle turns into a foul ball straight back. A big hit winds up a great catch.

Just like that, a magical touch is missing, and can't be recaptured until it's too late.

Royals catcher Salvador Perez hooted at himself after a popup and an easy grounder in BP on Monday, and changed bats for his next round. He homered on his final swing.

"When you've been playing for seven or eight months, it's nice to have an off day every now and then. But when you

do have those workout days where you just go in and hit BP and take grounders and stuff, you try to keep it as much like game day as possible," Giants first baseman Brandon Belt said.

Royals designated hitter Billy Butler said he didn't see the five-day break being a detriment.

"Hey, they've had four days off. That's the way you look at it. They played one day later than we have. They've had a layoff, too," he said.

"I don't know if it'll play any factor. It definitely won't be the reason if we go out there and don't win tomorrow," Butler said.

Shields and Bumgarner seemed unconcerned.

This will be Shields' first start since Oct. 10 in the AL Championship Series opener against Baltimore.

"I think this late in the year almost too much throwing is too much," he said. "So I've just kind of rested my body up for tomorrow."

Bumgarner has already thrown 249 innings this year, including four postseason outings. He was the NLCS MVP, and started last Thursday when the Giants closed out St. Louis.

"Honestly, I feel the best I've felt all year for the last probably two months," the lefty said.

## SIDEBAR

### Bumgarner vs Shields in opener

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)**—A six-pack won't be enough for Madison Bumgarner if the San Francisco Giants win the World Series.

The Giants ace chugged four beers after beating Pittsburgh in the NL wild-card game, upped the count to five following the NL Division Series clincher against Washington and six when San Francisco won the NL Championship Series over St. Louis.

"I don't know if I can hold any more than that," he said after earning the NLCS MVP award last week. "I had to keep it going, though. We'll see if we keep winning. We don't want to change anything up."

Bumgarner starts the World Series opener on Tuesday night as the Giants try to become the first NL team to win three World Series titles in a five-year span since the St. Louis Cardinals of 1942-46. James Shields goes for the Royals, back in the Series for the first time since winning the 1985 title.

Just 25, Bumgarner already is 2-0 with 15 shutout innings in Series play and is 2-1 in four starts this postseason with a 1.42 ERA. He followed Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain and Jonathan Sanchez as a rookie

in the 2010 Series. He pitched three-hit ball over eight innings in a 4-0 Game 4 win at Texas that put San Francisco within of its first title since 1954.

Two years later, he pitched after Barry Zito and allowed two hits over seven innings in a 2-0 win at AT&T Park in Game 2 as the Giants swept Detroit.

Now, with Cain sidelined since the All-Star break because of an elbow injury that needed surgery, the left-hander has become the ace. A native of Hickory, North Carolina, Bumgarner has a farm with horses and cattle. He is said to have given his wife a cow ahead of their wedding.

Bumgarner is part of a Southern corner contingent of pitchers in the Giants' clubhouse that includes Georgian Tim Hudson and Alabamian Jake Peavy. Bumgarner takes the mound to the Marshall Tucker Band's "Fire on the Mountain."

"Our locker room definitely took a step toward the redneck side at the start of this year, that's for sure—in a good way," Hudson said. "I think every team needs a little redneck in them."

And manager Bruce Bochy, while born in France, spent time living in North Carolina and Florida. Grits are served to

players ahead of day games.

"I like my rednecks, they're a good bunch of guys," Bochy said. "They come out, they get after it and play the game right. It's a very diverse group. ... We do have a unique group of rednecks."

Shields, a 32-year-old right-hander, also is unbeaten and unscored on in the Series: He pitched Tampa Bay to its lone win in 2008 when he allowed seven hits over 5 2-3 innings in a 4-2 victory over Philadelphia. Kansas City acquired him from the Rays in December 2013, hoping he would help transform a young team into a contender.

"He's kind of just turned the clubhouse around, really," manager Ned Yost said. "He brought a definite winner's attitude with him, and he's not only molded but he's mentored our players in that fact."

Shields is 1-0 with a 5.63 ERA this offseason. He told the Kansas City Star he passed a kidney stone last week during the ALCS.

"I haven't pitched the way I wanted to. There is no doubt about it," he said. "So I'm a big believer in amnesia. I've been doing it my whole entire career."

### Royals, fans bond over improbable postseason run

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)**—The game had been over for hours. Kauffman Stadium had gone dark. The roars of a sold-out crowd, which had rooted the Kansas City Royals to a sweep of the mighty Los Angeles Angels, had drifted away into the cool night air.

A few miles away, at a bar and grill called McFadden's, the party was just beginning.

Greg Holland had showed up, the All-Star closer watching with a grin as highlights of the game played on television. Salvador Perez and Jarrod Dyson, both integral parts in the Royals' playoff push, posed with fans for more pictures than they could count. First baseman Eric Hosmer put down his credit card and for a full hour picked up the tab for hundreds of strangers.

"It's fun to get to enjoy it with the whole entire city. It's a special time," Hosmer said a few days later. "I think the buildup to this, it's been so long. They've been hungry for a winner. What we're doing now has just been a blast."

So much so that Hosmer didn't mind his credit card taking a hit—he shared the \$15,000 bar bill with some teammates—after beating the Angels in their AL Divisional Series.

"We realize how bad the fans

want it, how bad the city wants it," Hosmer explained. "I think this team symbolizes the attitude of this city—tough—we're not going to quit and we're going to fight to the end. It's a pretty special bond we've created."

It's a pretty rare bond, too, in modern professional sports.

As the Royals prepare to play the San Francisco Giants in the World Series on Tuesday night, capping their first postseason appearance since winning the title in 1985, the relationship they have established with their long-suffering fans harkens back to a bygone era.

It's reminiscent of a time when players lived in the same neighborhood as working-class fans, because they too were working class. When they had to find offseason jobs just to make ends meet, long before million-dollar contracts. When you walked into the barbershop or the supermarket and would see Duke Snider or Red Schoendienst getting a trim or perusing the vegetables.

Only now, players and fans are connecting over drinks at a bar in the trendy Power and Light District of Kansas City. Or they're connecting on Twitter in 140-word bursts.

Didn't hear about that one? Well, life-long Royals fan Nicholas Knapple didn't have

the cash for playoff tickets, so he messaged a few players on Twitter with a plea. One of them was Brandon Finnegan. The rookie pitcher promptly hooked him up.

Knapple found himself watching Game 3 of the AL Championship Series against the Baltimore Orioles with his girlfriend and Finnegan's mom—and an entire section filled with friends and family of other Royals players.

"After the seventh inning, his mom told us we were going downstairs for the celebration," Knapple said in a phone interview. "So after the game, we got to go down outside the clubhouse. We got to meet Danny Duffy, take pictures. It was unbelievable."

About as unbelievable as the Royals' postseason run.

The happy marriage between the Royals and their fans was a rocky relationship earlier this summer. Third baseman Mike Moustakas was getting booed off the field. Manager Ned Yost had gone back to using an alias when he ordered at Starbucks. Even longtime designated hitter Billy Butler was starting to feel the wrath of a fan base that had been pining for success.

Then two fans popped onto the Royals' radar, and things seemed to change.



# Oscar Pistorius sentenced to 5 years in prison

**PRETORIA, South Africa** (AP)—Oscar Pistorius was sentenced Tuesday to five years in prison for killing Reeva Steenkamp by a South African judge who cited the “gross negligence” the runner showed when he shot his girlfriend multiple times through a toilet cubicle door in his home.

However, legal experts said the section of law Judge Thokozile Masipa quoted when she announced the double-amputee Olympic athlete’s sentence provides for a maximum of five years in prison and Pistorius could be released after 10 months in jail to serve the remainder of his sentence under house arrest.

Masipa also sentenced Pistorius to three years in prison for unlawfully firing a gun in a restaurant in a separate incident weeks before Steenkamp’s 2013 shooting death. She ordered that sentence to be wholly suspended.

Masipa delivered her ruling after reviewing prosecution arguments for a tough sentence as well as the defense case for a more lenient punishment for Pistorius.

Pistorius killed Steenkamp on Valentine’s Day last year, shooting her through a toilet door in his home. Pistorius testified that the shooting was an accident because he mistook his girlfriend for a nighttime intruder.

Masipa convicted him of culpable homicide, or negligent killing, but acquitted him of murder.

Pistorius stood as the judge announced his sentence, and then left the courtroom and walked down a flight of stairs that lead to holding cells. His sentence starts immediately.



Oscar Pistorius, center, greets his uncle Arnold Pistorius, right, and other family members as he is led down to the cells of the court in Pretoria, South Africa, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014.

## Long bombs help DCCA beat Feds

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Department of Community and Cultural Affairs used its outside shooting all game long to bring down the mighty Feds, 71-65, in the lone game in the 2014 IT&E-DYS Inter-Government Basketball League last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

DCCA fired 11 from beyond the arc with Edgar Pangelian

burying seven that somehow negate the Feds’ clear size advantage.

The win improved DCCA’s record to 1-1 and helped the team bounce back from a 56-46 opening game loss to the Northern Marianas Sports Association on Sept. 29. The defeat snapped the Feds’ three-game winning run.

It was a close match as DCCA and the Feds exchanged scoring runs. No team led by more than seven points.

DCCA held slim advantages in

the first two quarters behind Pangelian’s steady shooting. The Feds, with Ronnel Gamboa waxing hot and Juan Camacho providing support, grabbed the lead at 51-48 entering the final canto.

DCCA’s 3-pointers bailed them out in the fourth period with Pangelian, Juan Aaron, Bryan Manabat, and Perry Inos draining one each to seal the win. Pangelian paced DCCA with 27 points, while Inos added 15 markers. Gamboa also had 27 points in the Feds’ losing cause, while Camacho finished with 12.

Action continues tonight with

the Feds hoping to put that loss behind when it takes on the Judiciary in the 8pm second game after the 6:30pm opening match between NMSA and the still winless Commonwealth Health Center.

**DCCA 71** – Pangelian 27, Inos 15, Ito 8, Manabat 8, Aaron 6, Deleon Guerrero Jr. 5, Wesley 2.

**Feds 65** – Gamboa 27, Camacho 12, Ogarto 8, Esteves 5, McCain 5, Park 4, Tyquenco 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-17, 38-36, 48-51, 71-65.



### XTERRA

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her and her husband Steve for the last couple of years.

While Hasegawa-McKagan did not set a target time in her debut, Prestley is eyeing the under four-hour mark.

“This year, I hope having a little experience on the course will give me an edge. I’m certainly shooting for under 4 hours and would be very happy with a time around 3:30,” said Prestley, who timed in at 4:06:46 to finish at No. 49 out of the

74 triathletes entered in the men’s 40 to 44 age group.

Prestley, who was with Lewie Tenorio and Butch Sublemente last year, had split times of 28:41 (1.5-kilometer swim), 2:28:29 (30K bike), and 1:09:36 (10K run). This year he hopes to finish faster in the swim race at the D.T. Fleming Beach.

“I’ve been working on my swimming a lot this year, and expect to get out of the water 4-5 minutes faster than last year. I also expect to take about a minute off my transition times. Getting out of the swim early is

critical for having a good bike time because the trail is a lot of single-track and passing can be challenging, especially going uphill,” Prestley said.

“Last year, I had one bad crash, so hopefully I will be a bit faster if I stay on the bike and don’t have any technical issues. I’ve been training on hills for the last few months, so I’m feeling confident I can handle the uphills. One disadvantage this year is that they have moved the starting time back from 8:30am to 9:00am so the course will be a bit hotter earlier. Last year was really hot,” he added.

### SONICS

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forfeited.

Dream Team boosted its chances to barge into the win column after leading by as much as 12 points early in the third period, 35-23, before the Sonics tightened up their defense in the remaining minutes of the match to steal the game.

The Sonics cut the deficit to six by the end of the third, 39-45, and then held Dream Team

to 6 points and three field goals in the final canto to complete the come-from-behind triumph.

Adrian Palacios led the Sonics’ fightback, scoring 15 points, 9 of them came in the fourth quarter as his production alone was enough to outgun the entire Dream Team. Dream Team drew 4 points from Jason Palacios, while the other 2 markers came from Leonard Sablan.

Sablan top-scored for Dream Team with his 14 points, while Palacios and Shane Deleon

Guerrero added 11 apiece. Palacios’ double-digit score was highlighted by a buzzer-beating triple at the half that gave Dream Team a 31-23 cushion, while Sablan opened the third with a layup and Deleon Guerrero followed it up with a jumper to threaten a breakaway.

Returning Sonics coach Jesse Tudela sued for time to halt Dream Team’s momentum and he was successful, as his squad mounted a comeback to extend their winning run to four.

Meanwhile, in last Monday’s

lone U21 match, Kentucky Fried Chicken also rallied past G-Rollers, 64-60.

KFC fell behind by as much as 11 in the first half, 28-37, and was still facing an 8-point deficit after the third canto, 42-50, when Jethro Cruz’s outside sniping brought the team back into the game. Cruz nailed 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter, including 6 from downtown to help KFC grab the victory from the G-Rollers.

Tristan Montes and Mark Ogasawara backed Cruz up in

the fourth period, adding 6 and 4 markers, respectively. With the trio hitting their targets in the payoff canto, KFC went on a 22-10 scoring surge in the fourth to turn things around and gain its second win in five games, while the G-Rollers fell to a 1-4 mark.

### FRIDAY

**Sonics 58** – Palacios 15, Flores 11, Dela Rosa 10, Aranda 9, De Guzman 5, Fera 4, Cadiang 2, Rabasto 2, Villanueva 1.

**Dream Team 51** – Sablan 14,

lusong 2, Avelino 1.

**KHS 28** – T. Santos 10, R. Jones 4, Muna 4, Cabrera 2, J. Jones 2, Lizama 2, Mettao 2, Villagomez 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 8-2, 15-9, 24-12, 28-29.

### Second Game

**SSHS 49** – Alferos 20, Rogoyawa 10, Manibusan 9, Alegre 6, Delawampu 2, Dude 2.

**MHS 23** – Ada 15, Ermitanio 6, Acbo 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-4, 30-13, 41-20, 49-23.

Deleon Guerrero 11, Palacios 11, Camacho 7, Kwon 4, Ada 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 9-16, 23-31, 39-45, 58-51.

### MONDAY

**KFC 64** – Cruz 16, Borromeo 10, Ogasawara 8, Montes 7, Gunnacao 7, Camacho 7, Deocares 4, Alipio 2.

**G-Rollers 60** – Arciaga 22, Factor 12, Malonzo 11, Capuyon 8, R. Deleon Guerrero 4, Rios 2, Babauta 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-25, 28-37, 42-50, 64-60.



# OAA returns to sub-regional format



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Oceania Athletics Association members decided to return to the old three sub-regional championship format starting in 2017 with the Oceania Athletics Championship happening in between.

OAA president Geoff Gardner said all member federations chose to split the area championships into Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia championships during their annual congress in Fiji last year.

"A few years ago we decided to combine all three sub-regional championships into just one every two years. We talked to all our member federations and asked them if they wanted to go back to the old format?" said Gardner. "If they wanted the new concept or would they rather return to the regional structure every second year. They decided to return to the



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Athletes compete in the 100m hurdles during the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei. Micronesian track and field stars will have their own regional championships anew, starting in 2017.

gladly welcome it. It is all about development and providing the best opportunity to every athlete that we have," the OAA president added.

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands collected five gold, six silver and 13 bronze medals when Saipan last hosted the Micronesian Championships in 2005.

Tyrone Omar (men's 200-meter run), Dexter Dillay (men's 110m hurdles), Nick Gross (men's javelin throw), Noriko Jim (women's 5,000m run) and Doris Rangamar (women's javelin throw) won the golds for the host after ruling their respective events.

The CNMI finished last in 2007 in Yona, Guam with a 3-2-7 medal haul, but bounced back in 2009 in Gold Coast, Australia to top the medal race after collecting 13 golds, 6 silvers and 7 bronzes.

old format."

The 2015 Oceania Area Championships in Athletics will be the last combined events and it will run from May 8 to 10 in Cairns, Australia, while OAA is now accept-

ing bids on hosting rights for the 2017 Micronesian Championships. Northern Marianas Athletics is hoping to bring the tournament on Saipan but it still needs to get the Oleai track facility fixed before sub-

mitting a formal bid.

"Micronesia is very passionate about the regional competition. They are also very keen to see the return of the regionals. That's why OAA decided to return to the old format," said Gardner.

Gardner added further de-

veloping athletics in the region is the main reason why OAA decided to return to the old sub-regional format.

"If [returning to the old format] would mean further development and growth of athletics in the Oceania region, we would

## Shirley's keeps unbeaten record

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Shirley's Coffee Shop kept its unblemished record in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League, following a 79-64 win against McDonald's last Friday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Shirley's bagged its fifth win in as many games, while McDonald's absorbed its second

straight setback after a 3-0 start.

Lerio Pagarao, Erick Dela Rosa, and Ernest Duenas played beautiful music together to lift Shirley's to another easy win. Pagarao top-scored for the team with his 16 points, while Dela Rosa and Duenas added 14 and 13, respectively.

Sean Rabasto did not break into double figures, but his 9 points in the first quarter, coupled with the 7 markers of Dela Rosa were enough to give Shirley's promising lead, 23-12.

McDonald's managed to bring the deficit down to as low

as seven points in the second quarter with big man McLain Achas and Gil Gapor hitting point-blanked shots. However, McDonald's failed to sustain its momentum in the second period, while Shirley's began getting contributions from its bench to keep its safe distance at the break, 41-25.

Six different players made it to the board for Shirley's in the second quarter and its bench production complemented the consistent shooting of its Top 3 scorers in the final half to hand McDonald's back-to-back losses.

Rommel Usi came off the bench and contributed 10 points for Shirley's, while Elmer Esdrelon, who was scoreless in the first half, knocked in two triples in the third to help the team protect its double-digit advantage. Josephus Aguilar added 4 markers, while John Jugos and Vince Manibusan completed Shirley's box score, chipping in 3 and 2, respectively.

Only five players scored for McDonald's with McLain Achas leading the squad with his 21 points. Mike Achas logged 18, while Gapor registered 16. Tim Deleon Guerrero and Ken Quemado combined for 7 points, while shooter Richard Cruz had an off night as he was held scoreless in the loss.

**Shirley's 79** – Pagarao 16, Dela Rosa 14, Duenas 13, Usi 10, Rabasto 9, Esdrelon 6, Aguilar 4, Jugos 3, Manibusan 2.

**McDonald's 64** – Mc. Achas 21, Mi. Achas 18, Gapor 16, Deleon Guerrero 4, Quemado 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-12, 41-25, 60-46, 79-64.

## More than 50 sign up for Art of War 9

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More than 50 individuals spread out in seven weight classes have so far signed up for Art of War 9: Grappling, Submission and Ji Jitsu Challenge set for Nov. 15 at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Trench Tech founder and event organizer Cuki Alvarez said registration is still open and those who wanted to join must give their name and weight and indicate the division are they going to compete in. The tournament fee is \$10 per weight division while ticket price is \$5.

Each participant can join two or three weight classes provided he will be competing in a higher division. Competition is divided in the Gi and No Gi events with the former an open belt and no weight class battle for the gold.

As of yesterday, the lightweight (146-160lbs.) division has the most number of entries with 16, followed by 11 each in the featherweight (136-145lbs.) and welterweight (161-180lbs.) classes.

The heavyweight (206lbs and up) has nine competitors, while the flyweight (100-125lbs.) and bantamweight (126-135lbs.) categories have seven apiece. Five have signed up in the middleweight (181-205lbs.)

Leading the flyweight competitors are Jimmy Kaipat, Inwon Hwang, Jadrien Camacho, Garry Ray, Allan Aguon, Beng Masga and Lorenzo Attao. Ray and Aguon also joined the bantamweight division along with Josh Duenas, Jordan Mangloña,



Joe Duenas and Josh Cruz.

Cousins Shane and Roman Alvarez will join Aguon, Cruz, Josh Duenas, Mark Nuique, Jordan Mangloña, Jones Langu, Daniel Floor, Pinchi Rangamar and Jarome Fujihira in the featherweight division.

Shane and Roman will also contend for the lightweight crown along with Rangamar, Robert Alvarez, Vince Masga, Jasper Van Der Maas, Ko Palacios, Lucas Nutting, Jones Langu, Bradley Palacios, Rich Aldan, Elden Dela Cruz, Renz Benghit, Jun Taitingfong, Jamal Mresbang and Mark Anthony Manalus.

Manalus and Vander Maas also signed up in the welterweight class along with Rey Kim, Kimo Lizama, LJ George, Tyndale Mariur, TJ Castro, Pete Keju, Vince Pua, and Donivan

Mendiola.

Castro, Keju, George and Van Der Maas will also vie for the middleweight crown along with Ning Cepeda.

Van Der Maas will be joining his third weight category as he battles for the heavyweight medal against Cepeda, Adam Harris, Slade Adelbai, Tiger Yatsui, Kelvin Fitial, Kier Agda, Joshua Q. Castro and Myron "The Natural" San Nicolas.

Cuki Alvarez is reminding all participants to be honest with their weight. He added they will put up a weighing scale during the tournament to make sure each competitor has entered their correct weight. Those caught cheating will be bumped off in the weight class they signed up for.

For more information, call 670 483-4662, send a message to FACEBOOK.COM/CUKIALVAREZ or Twitter handle @ALVAREZCUKI or visit www.trenchtech.tv.



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Shirley's Coffee Shop's Vince Manibusan loses the leather as two McDonald's players stay close on defense during the fourth quarter of their game in the JP World caging last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



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Lucas Nutting, seen here eyeing his opponent scored a third round-win Tan Taisacan during the Rites of Passage 17 last August, is among the more than 50 fighters who signed up for the Art of War 9.





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## 4 to represent CNMI in XTERRA World

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The CNMI will be represented in this weekend's XTERRA World Championship in Hawaii.

The Commonwealth has four entries to the Sunday (Monday on Saipan) competition in the debuting Kimiko Hasegawa-McKagan, Kaity Mattos, and Eric Cooke and returnee Peter Prestley. The four triathletes earned

slots to XTERRA World after their notable performance in XTERRA Saipan early this year. The four CNMI bets will be reunited with XTERRA Saipan participants Ben Allen, Dan Hugo, Jacqui Slack, Carina Wasle, Renata Bucher, and Mieko Carey in Maui and will race against hundreds of triathletes from around the world, including defending champions Ruben Ruzafa of Spain and Nicky Samuels of New Zealand.

Prestley, Mattos, and Hasegawa-McKagan have been training together for months for this weekend's event, while Cooke is on his own as he is now based in Idaho.



"Peter, Kaity, and I have been doing long rides on weekends with our training buddy Bob Ferrer and doing hill repeats on weekdays, so I hope these will help us a lot," said Hasegawa-McKagan, who does not have a target time for XTERRA World as she just aims to complete the race crash-free.

"My target is to enjoy the race and finish without injury. I crashed four weeks ago when I was riding the bike and fell on my shoulder. Now, swimming will be harder but I'll do my best. I have never swam in an ocean with high surf and the exit and entry in the surf will be a challenge for me," she added.

Hasegawa-McKagan also said she is motivated to finish the race and hang out with the XTERRA family from all over the world, including Allen and Slack, who home stayed with

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Peter Prestley smiles at the camera as he negotiates the bike course of this year's XTERRA Saipan Championship.

## Sonics zoom to fourth straight win

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The Sonics rallied past Dream Team, 58-51, in the U21 game in the 2014 BANMI Youth League last Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The comeback victory was

the Sonics' fourth consecutive since losing their debut in the league against the unbeaten Ol'Aces (4-0) last month, while Dream Team fell to a 0-3 record. Actually, Dream won its opener against Star Magic, but the former was dropped out of the field thus the former's lone victory was

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**ROSELYN B. MONROYO**

The Sonics' Gerald Flores fakes off the defense of Dream Team's Mike Ito, left, and Leonard Sablan during the second quarter of their game in the BANMI youth caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## MHS nips KHS; Southern rebounds

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Marianas High School 9 and Saipan Southern High School pulled off contrasting wins over their respective opponents in the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League last Monday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The Lady Dolphins squeezed out a 29-28 win over Kagman High School's varsity squad, while the Lady Rays' varsity were merciless against MHS' junior varsity team in waltzing to a 49-20 decision.

The Lady Dolphins used an early scoring barrage as enough cushion to withstand KHS' comeback bid in the fourth period and eke out the one-point win.

MHS 9 led the entire game and built a 24-12 spread entering the final 10 minutes of play.



But the Lady Ayuyus, with Trina Santos finally finding her shooting touch, mounted a furious rally in the fourth before missed shots foiled their chances of clinching the comeback-behind win. MHS 9 also used up most of the clock to preserve its lead.

Shaina Abadilla and Abigail Bergosa tallied 9 points each for MHS 9, while Alyanna Garon contributed 6 markers. Santos

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**JON PEREZ**

Serafina Rogoyawa, seen here escaping Mt. Carmel School's defense, provided scoring support on Mary Kay Alferos' game-long brilliance to help Saipan Southern High School win over Marianas High School's junior varsity squad in the MISO caging last Monday night at the MHS Gymnasium.

